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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

increasingly difficult to establish the quorum necessary in order for the council to conduct its business during a meeting with only 6 council members. The bill therefore provides for the appointment of alternate council members but provides that each company be limited to representation by only one voting member at each meeting and that expenses only be reimbursed to one individual from each company when more than one representative has incurred expenses in the performance of the same council duties.

The new draft reformats this section of the statutes and corrects two errors involving voting rights and reimbursements for members and alternates.

A house amendment added an emergency preamble to these provisions and decreased the number of members required for a quorum.

LD  
1710

AN ACT TO REGULATE FRESHWATER FISHERIES IN  
COASTAL WATERS.

PL 1987  
c. 312

Sponsor: MCGOWAN, Weymouth, Dow, Cahill  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1253.

SUMMARY: LD 1253, the original bill, sought to give the commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife authority to regulate freshwater fisheries in Merrymeeting Bay and the Kennebec River to the head of tide. Although these waters support substantial populations of freshwater fisheries, they are classified as coastal and under the purview of the Department of Marine Resources. These fisheries are not now regulated and no seasons, size or bag limits apply. Fishing licenses also are not required.

The new draft gives the commissioner of Marine Resources authority to regulate freshwater fish species in all coastal waters after consulting with the commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. A proposal to license fishermen in these waters was rejected.

LD  
1711

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SARDINE TAX.

INDEF. PP  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: VOSE  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 21  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-258 MITCHELL

SUMMARY: Currently, the sardine industry pays for their own inspection costs and they are stringently monitored by the Department of Agriculture. The sardine industry pays