

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARY



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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

LD  
1846

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE BASIS OF TELECOMMUNICATION  
TAXATION

PL 1987  
c. 507

Sponsor: CASHMAN, Zirnkilton, Ingraham, Clark, N.  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1477  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-364 MAYO

SUMMARY: New Draft of LD 1477.

The new draft makes technical changes to reflect the intent of the original bill. It also makes the following changes:

1. Phaseout. The phaseout of the gross receipts tax would be accomplished as follows:

	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
Gross receipts tax	7%	3 1/2%	3 1/2%	0%
Property tax	0	21 mills	27 mills	27 mills

2. Poles. It provides that telecommunications poles will be subject to the State property tax.

3. Cap on gross receipts tax. It places a cap on the gross receipts tax to ensure that telecommunications providers will not, under the new law, be required to pay more under the gross receipts tax than 120% more than they would be required to pay in 1988 and 1989, under current law.

LD  
1853

RESOLVE, ESTABLISHING THE MAINE COMMISSION OF  
FOREST LAND TAXATION

RESOLVE 1987  
c. 67  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: TWITCHELL, Usher, Cashman, Michaud  
Committee Report:  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-270 PEARSON  
S-275 CLARK, N.

SUMMARY: Establish a Commission including both legislative and non legislative members to study and make recommendations regarding the impact of tax policies on long term investment in forest land.