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ON
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

LD 1937 An Act to Prohibit Hunting, Trapping, Molesting or Harassing ND 2234
of Bear near Dumps

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JACQUES	OTP-ND		
MARTIN J			

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2234

LD 1970 An Act to Amend the Framework Within which the Commissioner ONTP
of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife May Establish Deer Hunting
Seasons

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GREENLAW	ONTP	MAJ	
USHER	OTP	MIN	
FARREN			
JACQUES			

SUMMARY
This bill proposed to extend the timeframe during which the commissioner may establish the annual deer hunting season. Currently, the department has a five week window in which to set the season. Traditionally, they have established a four week season beginning on the fourth Monday before Thanksgiving and ending on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. In some years, this calendar overlaps with the October trapping season and grouse-hunting season. This bill would have eliminated the conflicts between deer-hunters and various other user groups by moving the season back one week. This change also would increase the chances for hunters to track deer on snow, which many deer hunters prefer.

Sporting camp owners pointed out that with the current four week season, they are unable to fill Thanksgiving week. If the season was moved back one week, they felt they would only be able to fill their camps for two weeks.

LD 2015 An Act to Increase the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and ONTP
Wildlife's Authority to Manage Black Bear Populations

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FARREN	ONTP		
ERWIN E			
CLARK H			
WEYMOUTH			

SUMMARY
This bill would have established a mechanism for the department to create special bear hunting seasons in any area of the state to deal with the increasing population and problems with bear, and provide more opportunities