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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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

Section 3 would have prohibited the molestation of fishing gear, including aquaculture gear set by a person holding a finfishing license, but this section was removed by House Amendment (H-562).

Section 4 repeals the sunset on a provision permitting the taking of quahogs greater than one-half inch if they were raised by means of aquaculture.

Section 5 permits crews of more than two members to be covered under a mussel boat license.

LD An Act to Strengthen Enforcement of Marine Resources and PUBLIC
1974 Boating Safety Laws **713**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RICE	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-571 MAJ REP
TUTTLE	OTP-AM	MIN	
CAHILL			
CROWLEY			

SUMMARY

This bill, submitted by the Department of Marine Resources was intended to clarify the authority of marine patrol officers to conduct safety inspections and to update the language in the statute relating to the search and seizure authority of marine patrol officers.

The majority Committee amendment further clarifies the authority of marine patrol officers, and more directly identifies the scope of that authority.

The minority amendment would have limited safety inspections to verification of safety requirements contained in rules of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and further limits the authority to search to periods when engaged in licensed activities. It also prohibits warrantless searches of living quarters unless otherwise allowed by law.

LD An Act Concerning the Volunteer Marine Patrol Program NON-
1976 CONCURRENCE

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SALSBURY	ONTP	MAJ	
TUTTLE	OTP	MIN	
RICE			
LOOK			

SUMMARY

This bill would change the title of "volunteer marine patrol officer" to "deputy marine patrol officer" and give them the power to enforce all laws enforced by marine patrol officers, not just marine resources laws.

Majority ONTP report accepted in House. Minority OTP accepted in Senate.