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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::*

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

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

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

SUMMARY  
Replaced By LD 2234

LD An Act to Amend the Framework Within which the Commissioner ONTP  
1970 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 USHER FARREN JACQUES	ONTP OTP	MAJ MIN	

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

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

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

to hunt bear. It was noted that it is hard to manage the bear population because there is no way to track how many people are hunting bear.

LD An Act to Require a Turtle Trapping License  
2018

ND 2348

EMERGENCY

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

SUMMARY  
Replaced By LD 2348

LD An Act to Amend the Endangered Species Act to Provide for  
2164 Injunctive Relief and Other Enforcement Remedies ND 2567

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MCGOWAN USHER CLARK H JACQUES	OTP-ND-NT	MAJ MIN	

SUMMARY  
Replaced By LD 2567

LD An Act to Regulate Use of Jet Skis Within Water Bodies LV/WD  
2165

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SIMPSON GREENLAW JACQUES USHER	LV/WD		

SUMMARY  
This bill would have established substantial regulation of "jet-skis" or personal watercraft. The tremendous increase in recreational boating and the use of jet-skis has led to conflicts both offshore and onshore. This bill was modeled after the legislation for ATV's. Minors were required to complete a training and education program and jet-skis were to be licensed.

Maine already has a boating law that includes jet-skis and they are now registered. The bill was withdrawn with the understanding that some of these issues will be dealt with as part of LD 2446 which establishes a commission to investigate Maine's boating laws.