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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.*

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

LD An Act Converting the Unorganized Township of Big Squaw LV/WD  
2000 into the Town of Big Squaw

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
EMERSON LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill converts the township of Big Squaw into the Town of Big Squaw.

LD An Act to Provide for Local Control of Watercraft Traffic LV/WD  
2027

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
BLACK LV/WD  
SIMPSON  
GREENLAW

SUMMARY

This bill allows municipalities to pass ordinances to control watercraft on water within their boundaries subject to the approval of the State agency having jurisdiction over those waters. These ordinances may not be less restrictive than current State regulations.

Currently the Commissioners of Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources are empowered to promulgate rules dealing with the use and operation of watercraft. These rules are to be consistent with any federal regulations. Current law prohibits, among other things, reckless operation of a watercraft, operation so as to endanger, and operation at greater than reasonable and prudent speed.

LD An Act to Clarify the Authority of Harbor Masters ND 2536  
2043

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
ANTHONY OTP-ND  
CARROLL

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2536