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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 Lorette 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 to Amend the Maine Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority Liability Provisions ONTP
2045

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HOLT ONTP
HOLLOWAY
CURRAN

SUMMARY
This bill would have limited the state's liability for the operation of a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility. The bill also would have eliminated the existing requirement that the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority purchase some form of insurance against "site failures" and other "foreseeable problems and unforeseen contingencies" stemming from a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility.

LD An Act to Amend the Solid Waste Provisions of the Site Location Law ONTP
2057

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CHONKO ONTP
CAHILL

SUMMARY
This bill would have required the Board of Environmental Protection to make an affirmative finding of adequate solid waste disposal capacity for Site Location application whenever the local solid waste facility is municipally owned. The effect of this bill would have been to overturn the so-called "Fitzpatrick" decision (John D. Fitzpatrick v. BEP, Cumberland, CV 81-562, Feb. 2, 1982) which prohibits the Board from relying on the disposal capacity of a solid waste facility when that facility is not in substantial compliance with state law.

LD An Act Regarding Transportation of Nuclear Waste LV/WD
2081

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL LV/WD
KANY
COLES
HOLLOWAY

SUMMARY
This bill would have instituted quarterly reporting requirements for low-level radioactive waste generators and transporters of similar materials.