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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 Allow Deductions for Merchantability Factors in LV/WD
2088 Wood Measurement

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DEXTER GOULD R A RIDLEY USHER	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill was the result of the Wood Measurement Study conducted during the summer of 1986 by a subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The bill would have allowed deductions to be taken from gross scale in service situations as long as the method of deduction was consistent with the wood measurement method employed and that both were approved by the state sealer in the same manner as is currently employed for measurement in sales situations.

LD Resolve, Regarding the Study of Low-Level Radioactive Waste ND 2458
2111 in the Town of Greenbush

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HICHBORN	OTP-ND	

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2458

LD An Act to Protect Maine's Outstanding Rivers from Water PUBLIC
2113 Diversion Projects 717
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
COLES JACQUES ALLEN BLACK	OTP-AM	H-577

SUMMARY

The bill, as amended, restricts the development of water diversion projects for hydropower purposes that would affect water flow in those rivers listed in 12 MRS §403. Legislative approval is required for any such development. The amended bill also provides a definition of the term, "existing dam". Under existing law, the redevelopment of existing dams on the protected rivers is allowed under certain situations, but there has been some controversy in the past over the meaning of the term.