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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.

LD An Act to Ensure the Safe Siting of Gravel Excavation
2123

ND 2530

SPONSOR(S)
VOSE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-ND

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2530

LD An Act to Prohibit the Release of Dioxins in any State
2129 Rivers, Streams or Lakes

PUBLIC
762

SPONSOR(S)
JACQUES
MCGOWAN
RUHLIN
ERWIN E

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-631

SUMMARY

The original bill added dioxins to a list of substances that can not be legally discharged into waters of the state. The effective date of January 1, 1990 provided a phase-in period for dischargers of dioxins to make the changes necessary to eliminate their discharges. Testimony about the rapidly changing nature of dioxin measurement and pulp bleaching technologies and uncertainty about what level of dioxin contamination can be considered safe prompted the committee to replace the ban on dioxin discharges with a study of dioxin contamination in Maine's waters (H-631). Sludge from a representative sample of municipal wastewater treatment plants and bleached pulp mills will be analyzed during each season of the year and a representative selection of fish species will be tested for dioxin contamination. A report is due December 1, 1990. An allocation of \$194,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund will be offset by fees charged to selected facilities.

LD An Act to Establish Minimum Mandatory Energy Standards for
2155 Residential Buildings

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
KERRY
HOLLOWAY
LUDWIG
MICHAUD

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have established minimum insulation standards for residential construction. See also LD 2539.