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ON
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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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 Prohibit Hunting, Trapping, Molesting or Harassing **PUBLIC**
2234 of Bear near Dumps **587**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES
MARTIN J

SUMMARY
New Draft Of LD 1937

In 1977, legislation was enacted to prohibit hunting bear within 200 feet of any dump in the unorganized territories. The primary purpose of this legislation was to eliminate the shooting of bear where tourists and local spectators gather to watch and feed them. It does not enhance the image of hunters or trappers when bear are taken close to a dump in their full view. The original bill proposed to increase the distance to 500 yards and to include all dumps in this prohibition.

The new draft increases the hunting free zone to at least 200 yards in recognition that the configuration and geography of some dumps may necessitate a larger buffer zone. It also includes a prohibition for releasing bear dogs in this area and the term "dumps" was better defined to refer to solid waste disposal sites.

The new draft also includes an exclusion for the department to live-trap bears at solid waste disposal sites when they become a nuisance.

LD An Act to Amend the Fisheries and Wildlife Work Education **ND 2591**
2271 Program

EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUFFY
JACQUES
RUHLIN
ERWIN E
OTP-ND-NT

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2591

LD **RESOLVE**, to Change the Reporting Date of the Commission on **RESOLVE**
2275 Sport Fisheries (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1987, Chapter **101**
39) **EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OTP
H-486 JACQUES

SUMMARY
The Commission on Sport Fisheries was created by the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature to study the possibility of enhancing and upgrading fishing opportunities in this state. The Commission has been charged with (1) determining the feasibility of introducing exotic species into Maine waters