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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.*

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LD An Act to Restrict the Department of Environmental LV/WD  
 2270 Protection from Hiring Independent Legal Counsel to Oppose  
 the Attorney General Unless Authorized by the Legislature

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MITCHELL	LV/WD	
MICHAUD		
OLIVER		
MCGOWAN		

SUMMARY

The bill would have required legislative approval before the Department of Environmental Protection could employ private legal counsel. Existing law requires approval by the Attorney General before a State agency may employ private legal counsel.

LD An Act to Enable the Creation of Watershed Districts ND 2610  
 2273

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KANY	OTP-ND	
TRACY		
JACQUES		
LACROIX		

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2610

LD An Act to Prohibit the Establishment of Docking Condominiums PUBLIC  
 2289 on Tidewaters, Lakes and Great Ponds 765

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MITCHELL	OTP-AM	H-585
OLIVER		S-436 USHER
HOLLOWAY		
RAND		

SUMMARY

The original bill would have prohibited the state from leasing any submerged public lands for development as "docking condominiums", a term defined to mean berthing space which is leased for periods of more than one year. Other prohibitions on this type of development were also proposed.

The committee amendment establishes a five year limit on subleases of berthing space from any existing or proposed lease of submerged land. In addition, this amendment enacts several new statutory leasing criteria governing the Bureau of Public Land's consideration of applications for new leases of submerged land. Both of these provisions are to be repealed 91 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature. In the interim the Bureau is directed to conduct a study of current submerged lands leasing policy and its impact on marine-related activities. The Bureau will report back to the Legislature by January 1, 1989.