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

 SPONSOR(S)
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 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
227 1	Program	

EMERGENCY

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

Replaced By LD 2591

LDRESOLVE, to Change the Reporting Date of the Commission onRESOLVE2275Sport Fisheries (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1987, Chapter 10139)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

Office of Policy and Legal Analysis......page 3 Fish and Wildlife (2) improving fisheries with a state-of-the-art hatchery and (3) recommending alternative sources of funding for these projects.

The Commission was scheduled to submit a final report to the Legislature by February 15th of this year. However, Commission members felt that additional time was needed to provide meaningful recommendations for the enhancement of Maine's sport fisheries. LD 2275 extends the reporting deadline of the Commission until December 1, 1988, and provides the additional time necessary for the Commission to carry out its statutory mandate. A House Amendment (H-486) adds a \$1000 allocation to the bill to cover anticipated costs for the commission.

LD	RESOLVE, to	Reconstitute the Commission to Review the Laws	RESOLVE
2292	Relating to	Registered Maine Guides (Reported Pursuant to	105
	Resolves of	1987, Chapter 17)	EMERGENCY

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	
	OTP-AM		H-610		
			S-421	USHER	
			S-470	ERWIN E	

SUMMARY

The Commission to Review the Laws Relating to Registered Maine Guides was created by the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature to take a comprehensive look at the laws relating to Maine guides. LD 2420 incorporates their recommendation. They also identified two issues for further attention: state licensing of outfitters and developing a system for assistant guides.

This bill reconstitutes the commission to deal with these issues during 1988. A committee amendment (H-610) repealed the fiscal note and specified that funding for this bill come from the remaining funds from last year's appropriation. A Senate amendment (S-421) corrected several technical errors.

LD An Act to Permit Fly-Fishing Only on a Portion of the St. LV/WD 2341 Croix River

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE	REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TAMMARO	LV/WD		
RUHLIN			

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to close a statutory loophole that allowed spin casting fishermen to fish for Atlantic Salmon on the St. Croix River. However, the department addressed this problem through regulation and the bill was withdrawn.