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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.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

A Senate amendment (S-436) exempts existing subleases and any plan for subleasing approved by the Bureau of Public Lands prior to April 15, 1988 from the five year limitation on subleases.

**LD** An Act to Enhance Outdoor Recreation Opportunities **VETO**  
**2301** (Reported Pursuant to P & S Laws of 1987, Chapter 68) **SUSTAINED**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	S-363 S-524 PEARSON

**SUMMARY**

The original bill contained the recommendations of the Maine Commission on Outdoor Recreation established pursuant to Private and Special Law 1987, chapter 68.

The bill would have amended the membership provisions of the Land for Maine's Future Board to add 2 additional public members and adjusted other technical provisions to fit the increased size of the board.

The bill would also have established the Maine Advisory Commission on Outdoor Recreation with broad responsibilities to assess and coordinate outdoor recreation issues, needs and policies. The responsibilities of the advisory commission are described fully in the final report of the 1988 Commission on Outdoor Recreation.

Finally, the bill would have amended the limited liability protection currently afforded to private landowners who allow public recreational use of their land without receiving compensation. This bill would have required that the court assess legal costs against the unsuccessful plaintiff suing a landowner who charges access fees.

The committee amendment substituted the Commissioner of Marine Resources for the Commissioner of Transportation on the Land for Maine's Future Board, deleted two geographic representational requirements and added an appropriation section. A Senate amendment (S-524) reduced the appropriation. Numerous floor amendments were considered and rejected concerning the liability provisions.

The governor's veto of the bill was sustained and two similar pieces of legislation were subsequently introduced to accomplish similar purposes (see LDs 2653 & 2658).