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MAY 1988

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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.

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along the coastal waters of the State with primary emphasis from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The bill provides for search and rescue training of all marine patrol officers, an inventory of potential safety hazards, the identification of landmarks for the identification of rescue locations and the acquisition of necessary rescue equipment.

Funding for expanded responsibilities would be provided by changing the allocation to the Department of Marine Resources of revenues attributable to the gas tax on recreational boating from 20% to 50%.

The Committee amendment granted authority to the Bureau of Marine Patrol to provide search and rescue services and provided for a study commission to review the issue and report back to the 114th Legislature.

LD An Act to Minimize the Environmental, Social and Physical **LV/WD**
2335 Impact of Tourists on Monhegan Island

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SEWALL	LV/WD		
SCARPINO			

SUMMARY

This bill would authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to allocate the right to carry nonresident passengers for hire to Monhegan Island in order to minimize the environmental, social and physical impact of tourists on Monhegan Island.

LD RESOLVE, Creating the Commission on Marine Research **RESOLVE**
2387 **112**
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
COLES	OTP-AM	MAJ	S-537 PEARSON
CROWLEY	ONTP	MIN	
RICE			
ESTES			

SUMMARY

This bill would establish a study commission to study the status of marine research in the State and identify an overall policy for the State's role in marine research and for coordination with federal funding opportunities. The commission would be required to report to the 114th Legislature.