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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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ON  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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::*

<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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(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 2292	RESOLVE, to Reconstitute the Commission to Review the Laws Relating to Registered Maine Guides (Reported Pursuant to Resolves of 1987, Chapter 17)	RESOLVE 105 EMERGENCY
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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	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.

<b>LD</b> <b>2341</b>	An Act to Permit Fly-Fishing Only on a Portion of the St. Croix River	LV/WD
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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TAMMARO RUHLIN	LV/WD	

**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.