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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 Clarify the Rights of a Municipality Concerning LV/WD
2454 Ordinances on Radon

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KANY DORE KETOVER WHITCOMB	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill would have authorized municipalities to adopt local ordinances to control indoor radon exposure.

LD RESOLVE, Regarding the Study of Low-Level Radioactive Waste RESOLVE
2458 in the Town of Greenbush 113

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HICHBORN		S-338 USHER S-516 PEARSON

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2111

This resolve, as amended, requires the University of Maine to fund a study of the low-level radioactive waste disposal site in Greenbush, Maine. The study is to be conducted by a consultant selected jointly by the University and the Town of Greenbush. The objectives of the study are to assess the adequacy of the existing monitoring system and of the sand and plastic cap over the site. The study will also assess the health and environmental risks of removing the buried materials to an approved disposal site. Finally, the study will include preparation of a permanent closure plan for the site consistent with all federal and state requirements. The study is due on January 15, 1989.

LD An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Polystyrene Foam Products PUBLIC
2461 Containing or Made with Certain Chlorofluorocarbons 752

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DEXTER RANDALL PERKINS TRACY	OTP-AM	H-709 MICHAUD

SUMMARY

The original bill would have prohibited the sale in Maine of any polystyrene foam product manufactured with chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) and required the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling to report on the impact of polystyrene foam on landfill space. The intent was to assist in reducing the use of ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons. Distributors selling polystyrene foam products were required to certify their compliance with the CFC prohibition.

The committee amendment (H-596) retained the report on landfill space impacts, but narrowed the prohibition on polystyrene foam products to those products manufactured with CFC and found by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to

contribute to the destruction of stratospheric ozone. This permitted the use of less destructive forms of CFC by polystyrene foam manufacturers.

Concern about banning products currently in wide use, specifically polystyrene foam board used for insulation and decorative purposes, led to adoption on the floor of H-709. The sale of polystyrene foam sheets is prohibited because alternatives to ozone-depleting CFC are available to foam sheet manufacturers. But, the amendment allows the use of any CFC in polystyrene foam board products until a substitute for ozone-depleting CFC is available. Maine distributors of polystyrene foam products will still certify to the Department of Environmental Protection their compliance or scheduled compliance with these requirements.

LD An Act to Regulate Development Along the Shoreland Zone and ONTP
2474 to Protect Lake Water Quality

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SIMPSON	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have created a comprehensive shoreland use regulation program under the direct control of the Department of Environmental Protection without local involvement. This approach contrasts with the current program which rests on locally adopted and administered shoreland zoning ordinances with state oversight.

LD An Act Concerning the Issuance of Subdivision Permits ONTP
2476

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	ONTP	
HOGLUND		
ANDREWS		
PRIEST		

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that any person who obtains a subdivision permit under state or local review either develop the subdivision within 5 years of the date of the granting of the permit or file, before the same reviewing authority that approved the original application, a renewal application every 5 years until the development is completed or the application is denied.