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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

**LD 97 An Act to Discontinue the State Park Campsite Reservation
System (BY REQUEST)**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
BRAWN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have eliminated the statewide reservation system for state parks with overnight camping facilities. Proponents for the bill wanted a first-come, first-serve reservation system.

LD 116 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the State Forest Nursery

PUBLIC 21

SPONSOR(S)
PEARSON
HICHBORN
PARADIS E
MICHAUD

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-13 KANY

SUMMARY

This bill permits the Bureau of Forestry to lease out the state nursery to produce commercial tree seedlings. The nursery was no longer operating at a profit. The leasee will pay the state \$25,000 per year. Senate amendment B (S-13) added a fiscal note and removed the emergency preamble because the bill involved a lease arrangement of more than 5 years duration.

**LD 123 An Act to Clarify Laws Pertaining to the Enforcement of
Forestry Fire Control Laws**

PUBLIC 174

SPONSOR(S)
BEGLEY
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MATTHEWS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-135
H-180 COLES

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies statutory language for the enforcement of forest fire laws by forest rangers of the Maine Bureau of Forestry. Forest rangers have encountered technical problems while enforcing fire control laws. This bill addresses some of those problems. Committee amendment B (H-135) removed sections of the bill that amended the Maine Criminal Code and allows the court to require restitution costs to be paid by violators. House amendment B (H-180) defines the term, "power-driven equipment". The amendment also prohibits the operation of such equipment within 1000 feet of a forest when the equipment does not have a spark arrestor.