

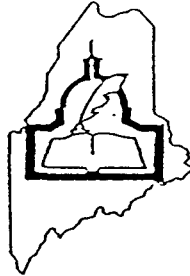
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-91

SUMMARY

The original bill sought an exemption from seaweed permit requirements for noncommercial harvesters of seaweed of less than 1,000 pounds per year.

The committee amendment replaced the bill. The bill, as enacted, restructured the entire section dealing with seaweed permits to more clearly show the exemptions to the permit requirement. It added exemptions for harvesting of not more than 50 pounds of seaweed a day, for a charitable or municipal organization's personal use, and for seaweed which has detached naturally and is dead.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-536 CARTER
S-240
S-413 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This law, the product of a study conducted by the legislative Commission on Marine Research, establishes a Marine Research Board with the authority and resources to identify and fund marine research needs that are not currently being addressed. The board will be composed of the representatives of the major users of and contributors to the marine research field. In addition, the board is charged with coordinating available data on the Gulf of Maine and developing a facility needs plan. As enacted, the grant program and the facility needs plan are subject to available funding.

This bill originally sought to stabilize 10 federally funded positions in the Department of Marine Resources's Bureau of Marine Science by funding them through the General Fund. Funding was also sought for 2 positions in the department's Boothbay Harbor library that are partially funded by a private laboratory. The bill, as enacted, deleted funding for those 12 positions.