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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-17
H-22 TAMMARO

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended (H-17 and H-22), prohibits the use of plastic beverage stirrers in state facilities, at a state function or at any function of any political subdivision of the state. The effective date of this prohibition is January 1, 1990.

LD 424

An Act to Provide Free Noncommercial Use of Public Reserved Lands and Lands for Maine's Future

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to ensure free, noncommercial public access to public reserved lands and lands acquired under the Lands for Maine's Future Fund. The Department of Conservation opposed the bill on the grounds that it needs to charge reasonable user fees to ensure maintenance and to provide adequate campsites, boat sites and solid waste disposal.

LD 429

An Act to Implement Sound Forest Practices

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-635
S-440

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the original bill and incorporates several proposals from LD 639. To allow landowners, resource managers and regulators to plan for and manage healthy, productive forest lands, the amendment directs the Maine Forests for the Future Program to track the forest land base; provides for technical assistance for forest landowners and wood processors; establishes regulation of forest harvesting practices; requires accurate reporting of forest management, harvesting and processing activities; and creates landowner incentives to protect the forest land base and to actively manage forest lands.

Sections 1 to 5 of the amendment require the Maine Forests for the Future Program to track changes to the forest land base as part of their overall assessment of forest lands.