

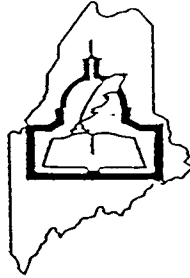
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ON  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

JULY 1989

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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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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
LUDWIG	OTP-AM      MAJ	
JACQUES	ONTP      MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill sought to prohibit the hunting of bear with more than 6 dogs at any one time, and provides for civil penalties for violation of this provision. The committee amendment deleted the civil penalties in the bill.

**LD 495      An Act to Amend the Framework Dates During which the  
Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife May Establish  
a Deer Hunting Season**

ONTP-MAJ REP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GREENLAW	ONTP      MAJ	
WALKER	OTP      MIN	
CARROLL J		

SUMMARY

Current law provides for an open season on deer in each calendar year from the 5th Monday preceding Thanksgiving to November 30th. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has authority to shorten the season within the statutory framework, and for the past several years has shortened the season to 4 weeks with the season coming to an end on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

This bill sought to extend by 5 days the statutory framework within which the commissioner may establish the annual deer hunting season. With this change in place, the 1990 deer hunting season could have been established through the rule-making process to begin on November 3rd and extend through December 1st, attempting to eliminate many of the conflicts which develop between various resource user groups when the deer hunting season opens in late October as it did last fall.

**LD 521      An Act to Allow Handicapped Fishers to Use Electric Motors  
on Restricted Fishing Waters**

ONTP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
STEVENSON	ONTP	
MARSH		
AULT		
SMITH		

SUMMARY

This bill sought to allow handicapped anglers to use electric motors on motor-restricted internal waters.