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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-71

SUMMARY

This bill would have created a legislative commission to reexamine the State's system for promulgating environmental regulations, environmental permitting and environmental appeals review. The bill would have created a 7 member commission to examine the board's current role and how it may be improved.

The committee amendment (S-71) changed the composition of the commission, proposes an outline of tasks to address the questions to be studied by the commission, changed the final reporting date for the study and added funds for travel expenses for invited speakers.

The bill was indefinitely postponed by the House and Senate but the substance of the study was incorporated into an interim study sponsored by the Legislative Council.

LD 738 An Act to Clarify the Relationship Between Woodcutters and Landowners

PUBLIC 102 EMERGENCY

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-67

SUMMARY

This bill requires wood scalers to record the name of the landowner from whom the stumpage was purchased on the measurement tally sheet as part of each transaction. The amendment clarified the intent of this bill and added an emergency preamble.

LD 773 An Act to Protect Maine's Job Opportunity Zones

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited the development of a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility within 30 miles of a job opportunity zone as defined in Title 5, chapter 403. The sponsor argued that this would help protect economically disadvantaged communities from further economic damage by the location of such a facility in or near these communities. However, this exclusion would eliminate 60% of the State from review by the Authority and would not be based on the physical characteristics of the site.