

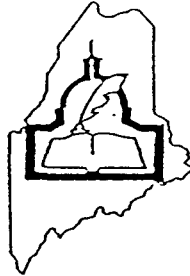
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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.

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

LD 843 **An Act to Amend the Nonresident Clam Digging Laws**

**DIED IN
NON-CONCURRENCE**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HIGGINS	ONTP A	
ALLEN	OTP B	
HOBBS	OTP-AM C	
HOLLOWAY		

SUMMARY

This bill would have required municipalities to issue nonresident licenses on a first come, first serve basis and to provide written verification of the application procedure to previous nonresident license holders.

The ought to pass-as amended committee report would have replaced the original bill and established a procedure for distribution of nonresident commercial shellfish licenses, which would have allowed municipalities to issue nonresident licenses in any manner they wished during the next license season. Thereafter, the license holders would be grandfathered.

LD 918 **An Act to Make the Department of Marine Resources
Responsible for Coastal Search and Rescue (Reported Pursuant
to Public Laws of 1987, Chapter 814)**

PUBLIC 489

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	H-531 H-630 COLES

SUMMARY

This bill concerns coastal search and rescue. It specifies that the responsibility of the Department of Transportation in searching for lost aircraft extends to the coastal waters of the State which are defined as waters up to 3 miles offshore. It requires that state agencies which so request be informed of searches for lost aircraft, specifically requires that the Bureau of Marine Patrol be informed of searches for lost aircraft over coastal water, and places the responsibility for informing the Bureau of Marine Patrol with the Director of the Division of Aeronautics.

It designates the Department of Marine Resources as the state agency responsible for all coastal search and rescue except those involving lost aircraft. It also requires the department to attempt to set up a network of qualified volunteer search and rescue organizations along the coast similar to the current Eastern Casco Bay Search and Rescue Organization.

It directs the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to develop a master plan for all state search and rescue activities. This plan is to be developed with the cooperation, advice and counsel of all agencies involved and their approval of the final plan is to be obtained. However, MEMA will not have a role in the implementation of the plan.

The bill originally provided for an increase in boating registration fees graduated by size of the boat. Boats under 16 feet would have received no increase. The committee amendment deleted the fee increase.