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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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Joint Standing Committee on Energy & Natural Resources

LD 889

**An Act to Improve Indoor Air Quality Through Accurate
Testing and Effective Reduction of Radon Levels in Buildings**

PUBLIC 657

SPONSOR(S)

KETOVER
PERKINS
KANY
DORE

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-769

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-769), requires the registration of all firms and individuals measuring or testing radon levels in existing buildings or on building lots; consultants designing plans to reduce radon levels in existing buildings; and contractors modifying existing structures to reduce radon levels. The bill provides various exemptions from the registration requirements. Registrants must report test results to the department. The bill establishes registration fees which will be used for radon-related research, testing, educational and mitigation programs of the Division of Health Engineering, Department of Human Services. The bill also identifies the Division of Health Engineering as the lead agency for radon programs. Civil penalties are established for violations of these new requirements. Violations would also be subject to the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 206 to 214.

LD 1370

**Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a
Piscataqua River Basin Compact between Maine and New
Hampshire**

**RESOLVE 89
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

ESTES
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LAWRENCE
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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-552
S-678 ESTES

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes a study commission to determine the feasibility of establishing a Piscataqua River Basin compact. The commission will investigate whether some type of interstate authority between Maine and New Hampshire is necessary for the management of the Piscataqua River Basin and whether such an authority should have regulatory or advisory powers. The committee reported out the bill with minor changes during the first session of the 114th Legislature but the proposal was not funded.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs held the bill over to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature and rereferred it to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Committee amendment B (S-552) changes the original resolve by restructuring the commission similar to a legislative committee recently established by the New Hampshire legislature. The membership is reduced from 11 members to 8 members. Commencement and reporting dates are changed to conform to the schedule adopted in New Hampshire. Staffing responsibility is shifted to the rivers coordinator of the Department of Conservation.

The resolve was further amended (S-678) to change the date upon which the commission is to convene to June 1, 1990. The amendment also deletes the appropriation section, authorizes the Legislative Council to seek outside sources of funding for the study, prohibits the commission from incurring expenditures that have an impact on the General Fund, and amends the fiscal note accordingly.