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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

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BOSTCOMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill would have established a new Office of Solid Waste Management to assume responsibility for ensuring that adequate waste recycling and disposal capacity exists within the state. The basic concept of this bill was incorporated in LD 1431, the committee's comprehensive solid waste legislation.

LD 907 An Act to Clarify the Establishment of Air Quality Standards
and Emission Standards

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-124

SUMMARY

Legislative authority has been given to the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt rules in a number of environmental areas. However, legislative enactment is required for almost all of the rules regarding air quality adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection. Unless enacted by the Legislature, these rules become void 90 days after the adjournment of the next regular session of the Legislature. This additional level of rulemaking is both time-consuming and resource-intensive.

The committee amendment (H-124) clarifies the relationship between the Legislature and the Board of Environmental Protection in establishing both air quality standards and emission standards. It removes the board's authority to adopt air quality standards and replaces it with the authority to recommend to the Legislature any changes in those standards. The amendment also removes the requirement for legislative enactment of emission standards, allowing emission standards approved by the board to remain in effect without legislative approval. Legislative authority is retained for those emission standards that are currently within state law. The requirement for legislative approval is removed from the section empowering the board to adopt emission standards for hazardous air pollutants.