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JULY 1989

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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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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 991 proposed the following changes in the law regarding low-level radioactive waste disposal:

- \* Exempted from assessment for administrative costs of the authority waste generators who will not need to use any waste disposal facility.
- \* Removed the cap of ten million dollars as the limit Maine Yankee has to pay toward the construction of the facility.
- \* Removed the limit of one million dollars a year which can be collected for the cost of operation of a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility and set a new fee schedule for collecting that money. The current law has a fee schedule that is based 50% on volume and 50% on radioactivity. The new fee schedule would have recognized the additional difficulty and expense in dealing with more radioactive waste by basing assessments more heavily on radioactivity.
- \* Proposed the development of an assurance fund, if adequate insurance could not be obtained so that the citizens of Maine would be reimbursed for any damage this facility may cause.