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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

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

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required retail and commercial establishments to use paper bags in all their sales unless their customers specifically requested plastic bags. In addition, the bill would have prohibited any use of plastic bags unless the bags were being recycled at a rate of at least 50% and only when the bags were made of a single plastic with an identifying label. The committee voted not to pass the bill but did incorporate the preference for paper bags in its comprehensive solid waste legislation, LD 1431.

**LD 1121 An Act to Allow Municipalities to be Reimbursed for Costs
Incurred in Hazardous Waste Spills**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-371

SUMMARY

The original bill created a fund to assist municipalities in cleaning up hazardous spills on the highways. It included an appropriation of \$10,000. The committee amendment (H-371) allows municipalities to be reimbursed for costs incurred during a cleanup of a hazardous materials discharge, including the costs for ensuring public safety. The person responsible for the spill will be assessed these costs.