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**STATE OF MAINE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
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ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**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

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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SPONSOR(S)MARSH  
JACQUESCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-399

SUMMARY

This bill and the committee amendment (H-399) make several technical corrections to the Natural Resources Protection Act passed last year. The committee amendment changes language within the Land Use Regulation Commissions's statutes relating to permits now covered under the Natural Resources Protection laws.

The amendment also updates the definition of coastal wetlands and amends language defining a freshwater wetland to include wetlands adjacent to surface water bodies that are 10 acres in size when combined.

Language to clarify that the natural resources protection law applies statewide is added as well as language to clarify that some erosion control work is approvable.

The amendment includes the stipulation that there be no additional intrusion of fill for maintenance work on private crossings. This brings the requirements for private crossings into conformance with requirements for public crossings.

Exemptions to forestry activities in areas adjacent to freshwater wetlands are included. Section 9 provides an exemption for soil borings which are typically taken as part of the data collection phase of a project.

**LD 1143 An Act to Establish the Maine Solid Waste Authority****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)BOST  
PRAY  
MARTIN J  
CLARK NCOMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill would have established a Maine Solid Waste Authority to develop solid waste management facilities on an as-needed basis for the state. The Authority would have worked with 11 regional advisory boards corresponding to the existing regional planning councils and councils of government. This bill included planning criteria and a schedule for facility development. The committee voted not to pass the bill but did include several of its concepts in the committee's solid waste legislation, LD 1431.