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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. 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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-529
LUDWIG		S-435 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill as amended by committee amendment A (H-529) makes several changes to the laws administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. It also includes a study of a geographic-based information system (GIS) to be undertaken by the Office of Information Services in the Department of Administration. A Senate Amendment (S-435) allows the financing to proceed for the publicly-owned waste disposal facility in Auburn, adds an appropriation for the GIS study and adds an emergency preamble and clause.

**LD 1370      Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Piscataqua River Basin Compact between Maine and New Hampshire** **CARRY-OVER**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ESTES	OTP-AM	S-185
ROLDE		S-244 ESTES
LAWRENCE		
MCPHERSON		

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes a study commission to determine the feasibility of establishing a Piscataqua River Basin compact to determine whether some type of interstate authority between Maine and New Hampshire is necessary or desirable for the proper maintenance of the Piscataqua River Basin and whether such an authority should have regulatory or advisory powers.

The committee amendment (S-185) changes the original bill by requiring a progress report on the activities of the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Piscataqua River Basin Compact between Maine and New Hampshire next December rather than a final report. It also shifts the staffing responsibility for the commission to the rivers coordinator in the Department of Conservation.

Because Maine needs the cooperation of New Hampshire to develop this initiative, the committee amendment requires New Hampshire to pass similar legislation for this resolve to become effective. Finally, this amendment authorizes the commission to draft language to form a compact between Maine and New Hampshire for joint management of the river and its resources.

A Senate amendment (S-244) removes the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the resolve, and changes the date for convening the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Piscataqua River Basin Compact between Maine and New Hampshire until May 1, 1990 and the dates for completion of commission work and reporting to November 1, 1990 and December 1, 1990, respectively. The amendment also provides that funds will carry forward to June 30, 1991. The change in date will allow the New Hampshire Legislature to entertain a similar proposal during its next session.

This proposal was not funded. The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs has held the bill over to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.