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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-231

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a process for strengthening the technical service potential of Maine's 16 soil and water conservation districts. Currently, state agencies lack the necessary delivery system to provide for adequate assistance to landowners and municipalities on techniques effective in the management of soil and water resources.

Under this bill, distribution of information and assistance to help municipalities and landowners implement new state-mandated policy and programs would have been accomplished through the use of the districts at the local level. The bill would have established a fund to support the delivery of technical services by conservation districts.

The committee amendment (H-231) would have changed the name of the Technical Assistance Fund to the Technical Assistance Account. The amendment also added an appropriation and a fiscal note. The bill was indefinitely postponed although some additional funding for soil conservation districts was included within the Part II Budget, PL 1989, c. 501.

LD 1422 An Act to Require that the Department of Environmental Protection Be Responsible for the Location, Construction and Operation of Regional Solid Waste Disposal Facilities

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Board of Environmental Protection to divide the state into waste management regions. The board would have further been required to site, develop, operate and close solid waste landfills as needed by the state. The board would have been allowed to accomplish siting, development and operation of these facilities through contracts with private parties. The committee voted not to pass this bill, instead incorporating the basic concept of a state role in facility siting and ownership into its comprehensive solid waste legislation, LD 1431.