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ON  
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.

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

LD 1738      An Act to Amend the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil  
Clean-up Fund to Provide for Adequate Resources to Respond  
to a Major Coastal Oil Spill

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-303

SUMMARY

The Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund, formerly the Maine Coastal Protection Fund, was established in 1969, with a fund ceiling of \$4,000,000, to provide funds for Department of Environmental Protection personnel and equipment to be used in the abatement of oil pollution, and to promptly compensate persons damaged by oil spills. The fund ceiling has been altered over the years, with the cap now established at \$4,500,000. Over the last 20 years, the cost of all clean ups and 3rd-party compensations have risen dramatically. This bill raises the ceiling of the fund to \$6,000,000.

This bill increases the fees assessed upon each barrel of oil imported into Maine. The new fee requires the payment of 3¢ per barrel for crude oil, gasoline and all other refined products. At present importation levels, the fund should reach \$6,000,000 in approximately 4 years.

The committee amendment (S-303) clarifies the per barrel basis for the license fee and adds an allocation section and a fiscal note.

**LD 1740**      Resolve, Concerning the Dam on Mattawamkeag Lake

RESOLVE 50

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-647

SUMMARY

The original resolve authorized the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to repair, maintain and operate the Mattawamkeag Lake Dam to ensure sufficient water levels in the lake to support wildlife, and to protect the interests of shoreline property owners. The resolve authorized the Bureau of Public Lands to acquire by eminent domain, purchase or gift, land together with all right, title and interest in and to the Mattawamkeag Lake Dam.

The committee amendment (H-647) allows the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to acquire the Mattawamkeag Lake Dam by eminent domain to clear any title problems, provided that there is a legal entity willing to compensate the department for the cost of acquiring the dam. It also allows the dam to be leased by another party to take over responsibility for repairing, maintaining and operating the dam.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will establish the water level and may require the lessee to construct a fishway as part of the dam.