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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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. 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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primary purpose is to avoid subdivision review through a gift to a family member. The committee amendment also requires that a lot exempt from subdivision review because it was a gift to a family member that is subsequently sold or transferred to a person who is not a family member of the original donor, within 5 years of that gift, lose the exemption and become subject to subdivision review.

LD 1879 An Act to Promote Sound Capital Investment As Part of Local Growth Management Programs PUBLIC 631

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAUD COLES	OTP-AM	H-737

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-737), establishes a Municipal Growth Management and Capital Investment Fund to assist towns and cities to build the public facilities, including roads, water supply and other items, needed to accommodate growth and economic development. Implementation of this bill is contingent upon passage of a general revenue bond issue. The companion bond legislation was not enacted during this session. The fund is administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development with the advice of the Planning Advisory Council. All municipalities with certified local growth management programs are eligible for grants. Municipalities with higher than average property tax burdens or with rapid growth rates will receive priority. Regional projects will also receive priority.

**LD 1893 An Act to Revise the Asbestos Certification Law PUBLIC 630
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL P SMALL CLARK N HOLT	OTP-AM	S-473

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (S-473), allows in-house asbestos abatement units to continue asbestos abatement activities provided that training requirements and abatement activities are consistent with those required of all other asbestos abatement professionals. A license fee equal to that required of asbestos abatement contractors is imposed on in-house asbestos abatement units. The removal quantities for notification fee exemptions are made consistent with the quantities for notification exemptions.

In addition, this bill, as amended, allows federal contractors with in-house asbestos abatement units to train workers to perform asbestos removal pending approval of their training programs by the commissioner.

LD 1917 An Act to Abate Nonpoint Source Pollution from Road Runoff ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLES MILLS LORD KANY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental

Protection to adopt standards for constructing wetlands for the control of nonpoint source pollution from road runoff. The Department of Environmental Protection is in the process of developing comprehensive standards to control nonpoint source pollution that include constructed wetlands and the committee decided to wait to address this issue in a comprehensive manner.

LD 1921 An Act to Prevent Overutilization of Forest Resources PUBLIC 681

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES KANY ANDERSON MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-798

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-798), requires that, for a large wood using project, a wood supply plan be submitted for informational purposes as part of any application for a site location of development permit from the Department of Environmental Protection or a development permit from the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

LD 1941 An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority Act ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KANY COLES MITCHELL HOLLOWAY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority Act to clarify that all property acquired by the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority becomes state property when the authority ceases its operations. Additionally, the bill would have amended the local referendum provision of the law requiring local approval of any low level radioactive waste disposal site to require a countywide vote when an unorganized township with no inhabitants has been proposed as a disposal facility site.

LD 1943 An Act to Ensure That Unwilling Sellers Are Provided Fair Treatment in the Land for Maine's Future Process PUBLIC 607

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TITCOMB SIMPSON	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill provides that any landowner whose land has been nominated for purchase by the Land for Maine's Future Board may present to the board an affidavit of unwillingness to sell the property to the State. Unless the Land for Maine's Future Board intends to secure the land through eminent domain, requiring legislative approval, the affidavit will serve as notice to the board to cease evaluation for purchase of that parcel of land.