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One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature Second Regular Session

> 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-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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containers subject to the beverage container deposit law (Bottle Bill). The bill also would have provided a procedure for exempting container types from the beverage container deposit law if the containers constituted less than 0.5% of the municipal solid waste stream and if the container manufacturer had undertaken substantial waste recycling or reduction efforts.

LD 2117

An Act Concerning Special Waste

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MAYO MELENDY

LORD

DEXTER

SUMMARY

This bill would have imposed the same disposal fee on sludge waste that is neither wastewater facility sludge or papermill sludge as is currently imposed on wastewater facility sludge. The bill also would have assured that the fee on sludge be calculated on a dry ton basis and not on its wet weight.

LD 2123

An Act Establishing Ownership of and Liability for Nuclear Waste

ONTP-MAJ REP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

HOLT GAUVREAU ONTP OTP

ONTP

MAJ MIN

FOSTER HASTINGS

SUMMARY

This bill would have ensured that the generators of low-level radioactive waste maintain ownership of this waste and assume costs of liability in case of accidents that cause damage to people, the environment or property.

LD 2128

An Act to Replace the Large Lot Exceptions under the Site Location of Development Law with a Low-density Exemption

OTP-AM

PUBLIC 769

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-889

DEXTER GOULD R A MARSH

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SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-889), replaces the current 5 and 10 acre lot exceptions from the definition of the term, "subdivision", in the site location of development law with an exemption for subdivisions that employ cluster development coupled with protective easements on open space and sensitive natural resources. The new exemption requires that at least 50% of the parcel's area be preserved by conservation easement or deed restriction as natural area or for low-intensity forest, agricultural or recreational use. It also requires that certain minimum standards, such as erosion and sedimentation control measures, be implemented in the subdivision. The bill also requires a person exercising the new low density exemption to attach a certificate to the recorded subdivision plan indicating that this exemption has been employed. That person is required to covenant to any purchaser or lessee of lots in the subdivision that the subdivider has satisfied and will continue to satisfy the