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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
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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requirements of the low density exemption. The enacted bill also prohibits the recording of subdivision plans that have not received approval under the site location of development laws when that approval is necessary.

LD 2133 **An Act to Promote Markets for Recycled Newspapers** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BOST DAGGETT COLES	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required consumers of newsprint to use paper that has a specified percentage of post-consumer recycled content. This requirement would have been phased in over time. The objective of the bill was to create a demand for recycled newsprint in order to assure a long-term market for municipal newspaper recycling programs. The bill included several waiver mechanisms to lessen negative economic impacts on newsprint consumers.

LD 2150 **An Act Pertaining to the Generation of Electric Power Through the Use of Wood** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SMITH ANDERSON MICHAUD	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Maine Bureau of Forestry to establish a certification process to ensure that wood chips used by small power producers and cogenerators to produce electric power are composed of at least 50% mill wastewood. The bill would have also required a lower rate to be paid by electric utilities for power produced from non-certified wood chips.

LD 2160 **Resolve, to Study Threats to Maine Lakes** **RESOLVE 100
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KANY SIMPSON LORD TITCOMB	OTP-AM	S-503 S-727 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Commission on Maine Lakes to examine current and future threats to Maine lakes.

The committee amendment (S-503) removes enforcement issues and boating laws from the charge of the commission and consequently removes participation from representatives of the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. It also adds 3 public members to be appointed by the Governor. The use of lakes for public water supplies is added to the issues to be addressed by the commission.

The Senate amendment (S-727) funds the Commission on Maine Lakes through a deallocation from the Lake Environmental Protection Fund.