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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  
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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, 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.

9. The provision requiring administrative consent agreements to be open to public comment is changed to allow comment only at the board's discretion; and

10. Rule-making requirements for the board are delayed by up to one year.

In addition, there are several minor changes. Part B of the amendment clarifies the role of the commissioner and the board throughout the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 38 and transfers some functions from the board to the commissioner.

A House amendment (H-1040) adds transition language to continue the board's current membership and to clarify the application of these changes. This amendment also provides for hearing and notice provisions for adoption of municipal shoreland zoning ordinances by the Department of Environmental Protection.

A Senate amendment (S-716) removes a proposed increase in compensation for board members, establishes the Board of Environmental Protection Fund and replaces the appropriation section and fiscal note.

**LD 2221**      **An Act to Make Recommendations on the Governance of the  
Mackworth Island Public Trust Lands**

**P & S 113  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

ADAMS  
REED  
JOSEPH  
ESTY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-909

**SUMMARY**

Mackworth Island, the former summer home of the Baxter family, was donated to the State as a public trust land by Governor Percival Baxter in 1943. In 1953, Governor Baxter donated funds for a school for the deaf on the island, later named the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf in his honor.

The original bill proposed to clarify the relationship between the school and the management of the island and established a permanent advisory board to oversee the island's use and management.

The committee amendment (H-909) requires the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and the Bureau of Public Lands to develop a draft management plan that includes recommendations to the Legislature concerning the governance and management of the Mackworth Island public trust. A Mackworth Island Public Trust Advisory Board is established to review the recommendations and options developed as part of this plan. The department and the bureau will report their findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by January 10, 1991.

Temporary rule-making authority is granted to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to manage the impact of public use of the island on the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. Dogs are temporarily restricted during certain times of the year on the island.