

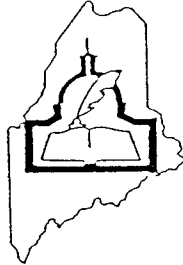
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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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JACQUES**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-870

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-870), reclassifies all surface waters of the state outside of the Androscoggin and Kennebec river basins. The amended bill drops the proposed reclassification of the West Branch of the Penobscot River and makes several other minor changes in the original reclassifications proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection. The amended bill also revises the general water quality licensing provisions by allowing the licensing of a project on waters that do not meet water quality standards as long as the proposed project does not cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet its classification standard.

LD 2255**An Act to Exempt Forestry Activities in Forested Wetlands from Regulation Under the Natural Resources Protection Laws****PUBLIC 838
EMERGENCY****SPONSOR(S)**

MICHAUD

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-1048

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-1048), exempts timber harvesting around forested wetlands from shoreland zoning restrictions. This amendment also allows the Department of Environmental Protection to review proposed activities in protected natural resource areas for their impacts on wildlife habitats before maps of these habitats are adopted by rule. This change does not extend the jurisdiction of the natural resources protection laws to additional areas.

Finally, the amendment exempts forestry activities in forested wetlands from the permitting requirements of the natural resources protection laws under certain conditions. The exemption for road construction is limited to those roads that service forest management activities.

LD 2266**An Act Requiring That Department of Environmental Protection and Maine Land Use Regulation Commission Orders Be in Writing****ONTP****SPONSOR(S)**WEBSTER C
MICHAUD
DEXTER
LUDWIG**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that all orders issued by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission be in writing.