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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	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

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.

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SPONSOR(S)
SIMPSON
BUSTIN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have:

1. Established a systematic approach to assessing the vulnerability of the water quality of great ponds to human activities;
2. Initiated an inspection and licensing process to evaluate the current status of all septic systems within the shoreland zone;
3. Overridden certain exemptions from the definition of the term "subdivision" within site location of development laws when development is proposed close to great ponds, the water quality of which could be easily affected by human activities; and
4. Placed some control on "funnel development" by regulating the size and use of shorefront common areas.

**LD 2313 An Act to Amend the State's Hazardous Waste Laws to Be
Consistent with the Federal Hazardous and Solid Waste Laws**

PUBLIC 794

SPONSOR(S)
LORD
COLES

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-932

SUMMARY

This bill enables the Department of Environmental Protection to modify its hazardous waste management rules to provide consistency with corresponding federal regulations and to enable federal administrators to make a determination that the State's hazardous waste rules are "no less stringent than" those administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The "no less stringent than" determination must be made if the State is to remain eligible to receive federal grant money to administer the hazardous waste program.

The committee amendment (H-932) reorganizes and clarifies provisions of the original bill. It also provides definitions for several terms that are used throughout the bill. A provision to specifically allow the Department of Environmental Protection to revoke all licenses held by a person in violation of a post-closure license for a hazardous waste facility is deleted.

The amendment also enacts processing and licensing fees for post-closure licenses.

LD 2316 An Act to Establish a Hazardous Waste Minimization Program

ONTP-MAJ

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill represents the Administration's proposal to meet Capacity Assurance Plan requirements to keep

Maine's hazardous waste generation rate at 1987 levels. The minority report proposed several changes to the bill. See LD 2507.

LD 2320 **An Act to Further Clarify the Relationship Between** **PUBLIC 760**
Woodcutters and Landowners **EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R A DEXTER ERWIN E ANDERSON	OTP-AM	H-882

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-882), requires a person buying stumpage to provide a landowner with accurate information on the stumpage cut and sold off their land.

LD 2326 **Resolve, to Create the Maine Commission on Environmental** **LV/WD**
Policy (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1987, Chapter 60 &
Resolves 1989, Chapter 3)

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This was one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future. This resolve would have established the Maine Commission on Environmental Policy. The new commission would have been directed to study and consolidate existing state environmental policies into a comprehensive body of policy that recognizes the cumulative effects of changes to the environment on Maine's quality of life, define minimum standards for responsible individual, governmental and corporate activity, and incorporate, on a continuing basis, the environmental policy values of the people of Maine. The bill was withdrawn to be presented as part of a comprehensive package next year.

LD 2334 **Resolve, Authorizing the State to Release Its Interest in** **RESOLVE 74**
Certain Real Property in Richmond, Maine

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
STEVENS A CAHILL P MATTHEWS PRIEST	OTP-AM	H-942

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to convey the State's interest in land in Richmond to Maynard D. Brown.

The committee amendment (H-942) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.