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**BILL SUMMARIES
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

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definition that existed prior to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature. The change would also have allowed the sale of beverages in containers composed only of metal foil and plastic and would have amended the definition of the term "beverage container" to change the maximum size from one gallon to 4 liters. Beverages sold in 4-liter containers would have been subject to the bottle deposit laws.

LD 296 **An Act to Allow Persons with Medical Problems to Purchase Beverages in Aseptic Containers** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GRAHAM LUDWIG DUPLESSIS GURNEY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed persons with medical problems to apply for an exemption to the ban on aseptic or composite material beverage containers within the State. These persons would then be able to mail order beverages in aseptic containers from out-of-state.

LD 302 **An Act Regarding Clear-cutting of Wood** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ROTONDI WEBSTER	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to decrease the amount of standing timber that must be left on a harvested site before the site is categorized as a clear-cut.

LD 331 **An Act to Discourage the Improper Disposal of Tires** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FARNSWORTH	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited the disposal of tires except by tire retailers or wholesalers.

LD 335 **An Act to Amend the Subdivision Laws within the Jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission** **PUBLIC 306**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R A ANDERSON	OTP-AM	H-329

SUMMARY

Prior to the passage of this bill, the definition of "subdivision" included the creation of a lot of 40 acres or larger in size when the lot from which it was divided is located within a shoreland area. The original bill proposed to amend that definition to provide that a subdivision does not include the creation of a lot that is 40 acres or larger in size except when the lot that is created is within the shoreland area.