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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 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>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

The amendment also requires any municipal solid waste processing facility that produces MSRDF to report to the Department of Environmental Protection annually. The report must indicate the total amount of municipal solid waste accepted by the facility, the amount of the municipal solid waste recycled, the amount of MSRDF produced and the disposition of any remaining waste.

LD 624 **An Act to Establish a Harbor Management Fund and Deal with Abandoned Watercraft** **PUBLIC 427**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLES	OTP-AM	H-330
LOOK		H-372 TAMMARO
MARSH		H-505 JACQUES
VOSE		

SUMMARY

The original bill would have established the Harbor Management Fund under the Bureau of Public Lands to provide grants to municipalities for harbor management improvement activities. The fund would have been supported by a contribution of \$1 from each mooring fee collected by municipalities and paid voluntarily to the fund.

This bill also prohibits boat owners from abandoning their vessels in the coastal waters of the State. Beginning July 1, 1992 it makes the Commissioner of Conservation the responsible person for assuring that vessels that are abandoned are removed.

The committee amendment (H-330) differs from the original bill in that it creates a broader shore and harbor management fund to support activities along the shore as well as in harbors. The Shore and Harbor Management Fund is financed by excess revenues from the submerged lands program rather than by a statewide mooring fee.

The sections of this amendment relating to abandoned watercraft specify criteria for reporting requirements and for eligibility for removal, allow implementation of the program subject to available funding, allow removal by 3rd parties and increase the penalty for abandonment. Money is reallocated to a newly created Submerged Lands Fund and a fiscal note is added.

One House amendment (H-372) makes technical corrections to the bill and the other (H-505) better defines ownership of a vessel.

LD 631 **An Act to Ease Municipal Solid Waste Costs** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY	LV/WD	
GOULD R A		
HUSSEY		
BALDACCI		

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that any surplus in the administrative account of the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund be returned to the municipalities, based on need and an equitable sharing of revenues between State Government and local government.