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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:

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

standards established in this amendment is guilty of a Class D crime, punishable by not more than 1 year in prison and by a fine not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$25,000. This Act is repealed on July 1, 1993.

House amendment "A" (H-595) corrects references in the bill to the soil and water conservation districts.

**LD 1285**      **Resolve, Concerning the Construction of Coal-burning Facilities**      **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FOSTER SWAZEY BALDACCI GOULD R R	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This resolve proposed to establish a 9-member Commission to Study the Use and Impact of Coal-burning Facilities. The commission would have been required to begin its work by July 1, 1991 and to report to the Legislature by November 1, 1991.

**LD 1289**      **An Act to Promote Comprehensive and Consistent Statewide Environmental Policy and Regulation**      **CARRIED OVER**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R A TARDY		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would establish uniform statewide policies and rules in the areas of forest practices and pesticide control by prohibiting municipalities from adopting or enforcing ordinances that address forest practices or pesticide control. The bill also specified that state law preempts municipal ordinances unless municipalities are expressly granted the power to regulate.

**LD 1302**      **An Act Concerning Dredging within the Webhannet River Estuary**      **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARLETON GOULD R A	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized the redredging and maintenance dredging of the existing federal navigation project in Wells Harbor with placement of sand material on Wells Beach and Drakes Island Beach to offset sand lost from the beaches into the harbor. Two conditions had to be met for this dredging to proceed: public notice requirements and no additional intrusion into the river, estuary or coastal embayment.