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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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>

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.

An Act to Clarify the Payment of Fees for Testing Private Water Supplies**ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Department of Human Services to adopt by rule maximum exposure guidelines for contaminants in drinking water supplies. These levels were to be set based on an assessment of the best scientific information on contaminant's risk to human health and economic reasonableness.

LD 1414 An Act to Provide Certain Municipalities with an Exception to the Waste Facility Siting Laws**PUBLIC 241**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-213

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed municipalities to obtain variances from the transfer station setback requirement.

Committee amendment "A" (H-213) replaced the bill. The amendment allows a transfer station that is not on an island to be located within 250 feet of an abutting property boundary if the municipality obtains the written permission of all owners of property within 250 feet of the proposed handling site. Current law allows a transfer station that is not on an island to be within 250 feet of an abutting property boundary only if the department determines the abutting property to be a conforming use.

LD 1427 An Act to Facilitate Recycling Programs for Aseptic Packages and Milk Cartons**ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have temporarily repealed the current ban on aseptic packages in the State, in order to allow the aseptic package industry an opportunity to undertake the development of a recycling program for its product, the "juice box". The committee unanimously rejected the bill after no convincing evidence was presented to support the technical or economic feasibility of recycling aseptic packaging.