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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

LD 1580 An Act to Amend the Definition of "Regional Association" under the Laws Relating to Waste Management

PUBLIC 321

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS TRACY BAILEY R HEESCHEN	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of regional association under the waste management laws.

LD 1595 An Act to Authorize the Adoption of Permit-by-rule Procedures for Certain Activities in Class 3 Wetlands

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MORRISON BALDACCI JACQUES	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the board to issue, by July 15, 1991, performance and use standards to establish a permit-by-rule procedure for certain activities in Class III wetlands.

LD 1597 An Act Regarding the Forest Management Plan Requirements

PUBLIC 428

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY ANDERSON GOULD R A BUTLAND	OTP-AM	H-519

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to permit landowners whose property was taxed pursuant to the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law prior to the imposition of forest management and harvest plan requirements to withdraw the parcel without penalty.

Committee amendment "A" (H-519) replaced the bill. The amendment allows a licensed professional forester to review and certify forest management and harvest plans in the tree growth tax program without requiring the forester to have personally prepared those plans.

LD 1607 An Act to Require Evaluation of Emissions and Health Risks from Incineration Facilities

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

The bill would have required continuous monitoring of air emissions in order to detect the release of unacceptable levels of dioxin from solid waste incinerators. The bill also would have required daily testing for emissions of heavy metals. The Department of Environmental Protection would have been required to undertake a study of long-term health effects that may be attributable to solid waste

incineration. The department would have been directed to cooperate with the State Toxicologist and the State Epidemiologist in the Department of Human Services in the conduct of the study. All study costs would have been assessed to the waste incinerators in proportion to the amount of waste burned at these facilities.

LD 1608 An Act Concerning Camping Reservations in Baxter State Park ONTP

SPONSOR(S) MATTHEWS	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have established a preference for residents of the State in the allocation of campsite reservations in the Baxter State Park allowing no more than 30% of those campsites to be reserved in advance by nonresidents.

LD 1617 An Act to Encourage Waste Reduction and Recycling PUBLIC 463

SPONSOR(S) LUDWIG TITCOMB MARSH	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED S-210
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SUMMARY

This bill proposed to establish a voluntary labeling program for products or packaging that is reusable, recyclable or contain recycled content. The bill proposed that the Maine Waste Management Agency develop standards implementing a labeling program.

Committee amendment "A" (S-210) replaced the bill. The amendment requires the Maine Waste Management Agency to adopt rules by February 1, 1992 establishing a voluntary labeling program. Rules for the labeling program must include an official recycling emblem and standards governing the use of the terms "reusable," "recyclable," "recycled" and "recycled content" on packaging or products sold in the State after July 1, 1992.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1621 An Act Concerning Enforcement of Land Use Regulations LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) BUSTIN DAGGETT	COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have made technical changes to the law governing land use code enforcement officers. The bill proposed to change the training requirements to include training in state and federal environmental requirements, zoning ordinances and shoreland zoning. The bill also proposed to require that training be coordinated with the Department of Environmental Protection.