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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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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.

LD 1817 An Act to Create the Maine Local Land Trust Board

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ADAMS	ONTP	
MCCORMICK		
MARSH		
MARTIN J		

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided for the protection of lands of local and regional significance to the State by providing matching grants to local land trusts for acquisition and permanent protection of locally important, natural lands. This bill would have supplemented the work of the Land for Maine's Future Board, which provides for State acquisition of natural lands having statewide significance. The bill proposed to establish the Maine Local Land Trust Fund to fund the activities of the Maine Local Land Trust Board. Funds for the matching grants would have been derived from 5% of unclaimed or abandoned beverage container deposits.

LD 1826 An Act to Amend Maine's Underground Oil Storage Laws

**PUBLIC 494
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-629
JACQUES		
TITCOMB		
LORD		

SUMMARY

Comprehensive changes to the State's underground oil storage tank program were enacted by the 114th Legislature in 1989. This bill corrects several technical errors that were enacted as part of those changes.

The committee amendment (H-629) changes the original bill by deleting a change to the definition of "applicant" and clarifying the definition of "existing facility" by incorporating the effective date of major changes to the underground storage facility laws in the definition. An exemption for certain concrete underground oil storage tanks is added to the bill and a paragraph referring to punitive damages is amended.

This amendment also makes clear that a \$2,000,000 cap on annual fund expenditures and the deductible schedule apply to facility owners and not operators. The deductibility schedule is amended to clarify that that schedule applies to the facility owner. Language prohibiting a reimbursement for water supply loss is clarified and an exemption for emergency containment structures expanded.

This amendment also enacts a prohibition, after 1995, on the operation of an aboveground oil storage facility without underground piping that is noncorrosive. All installations of underground piping must be done in accordance with requirements for underground oil storage facilities or appropriate rules enacted by the Board of Environmental Protection.