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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX
P&S XXX
RESOLVE XXX
CON RES XXX
EMERGENCY
CARRIED OVER

ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT
DIED BETWEEN BODIES
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
VETO SUSTAINED
UNSIGNED
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law
Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
Chapter # of enacted Resolve
Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
Bill carried over to Special Session
Ought Not to Pass report accepted
Leave to Withdraw report accepted
Bill Indefinitely Postponed
Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
House and Senate disagree; bill died
Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
Not signed by Governor within 10 days
Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 section imposing penalties has been rewritten to make it more consistent with state law. The cost that a public emission inspection station can charge for an inspection is limited to \$30. The amendment strikes the provision for depositing penalty fees into the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Fund and directs these funds to the General Fund. The committee amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

A house amendment (H-1249) directs the Board of Environmental Protection to establish an exemption from the inspection fee. The amendment also directs the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources a proposal to establish a waiver for vehicles driven less than 10,000 miles during the inspection period.

LD 2309 An Act to Encourage the Wise Use and Management of Maine's ONTP
Water Resources

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MORRISON	ONTP	
AIKMAN		
CLEVELAND		

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a policy to manage surface water and ground water, reflecting the nature of surface and ground water resources as interrelated components of the hydrologic cycle. This bill would have created a new, permanent Water Resources Management Board and established its duties and responsibilities to provide a state governmental structure and procedures for the planning and management of water resources. This bill also would have created a Water Resources Management Fund based on fees from large water users to be used to carry out the board's duties.

LD 2311 An Act to Amend Various Provisions of the Laws Governing PUBLIC 794
Solid Waste Disposal Facilities EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUTREMBLE D	OTP-AM	S-642
RICHARDS		
ESTY		
TITCOMB		

SUMMARY

The original bill required the Facility Siting Board to amend the criteria for determining where solid waste disposal facilities should be located and stipulates how they should be amended, amended the siting criteria by removing the provision that states a preference for siting in proximity to a generation facility and by establishing a preference for siting agency-owned special waste disposal facilities in sparsely populated areas, expanded the eligibility for property value offset payments to owners of land located within 2 miles of the boundary of a site, and removed the statutory deadlines for the site selection process and for agency development of disposal facilities.

Committee amendment "A" (S-642) changes the waste disposal facility siting criteria by removing the provision that requires a disposal facility to be located proximal to the source or sources generating the waste. The amendment also adds public drinking water protection standards to the list of standards that the Facility Siting Board must consider when siting a solid waste disposal facility and repeals the requirement that the board complete the site selection process by March 1, 1992. A provision is added to the site screening procedures of the Facility Siting Board that requires the board to make a finding that any site submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection for review conforms to the Facility Siting Board's siting standards, including ground water protection standards, geological standards and standards to protect public drinking water supplies.