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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have clarified that mandatory energy efficiency standards for residential construction do not apply to any reconstruction, removal or replacement of any portion or element of an existing single-family residential building. It also would have amended exemptions to the standards by limiting the single-family residence exemption to single-family residences physically constructed by the person who owns and lives in the building.

**LD 474**      **An Act Increasing the Threshold Size for Gravel Pits  
Subject to State Review under the Site Location of  
Development Laws**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
ANDERSON                              ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have increased the threshold size of gravel pits subject to review by the Department of Environmental Protection under the site location of development laws from gravel pits that are less than 5 acres to gravel pits that are less than 10 acres. A borrow pit that received a site law permit prior to the effective date of this Act from the Department of Environmental Protection would have been required to continue to comply with the provisions of that permit.

**LD 479**      **An Act Concerning the Use of Fines Collected for  
Environmental Laws Violations**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BUTLAND                              ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have created the Maine Environmental Remediation and Mitigation Fund. Revenues for the fund would have been derived from the fines paid by violators of the State's environmental laws. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection would have been authorized to undertake clean-up projects to remedy the damages caused by these violators. Should any surplus have been available, the commissioner would have been authorized to apply those funds to other clean-up projects. An annual report to the Legislature would have been required.

**LD 482**      **An Act to Provide an Adequate Period for the Adoption of  
Local Ordinances**      **PUBLIC 73  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
TITCOMB                              OTP-AM                              S-53

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have delayed the deadline for a municipality to develop and adopt ordinances for its comprehensive plan by allowing previous zoning ordinances to remain in effect until at least January 1, 1995. This bill also would have allowed the Office of Community Development within the Department of Economic and Community Development to make implementation grants in anticipation of municipal adoption of a comprehensive plan.