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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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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**LD 886**

**An Act to Amend the Municipal Subdivision Laws**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CLEVELAND

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the laws governing municipal subdivision approval to include divisions for commercial and industrial use and to create an expedited review for minor divisions.

**LD 923**

**An Act to Amend the Underground Oil Storage Tank Replacement Fund**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JACQUES  
LUDWIG

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the underground tank loan program under the jurisdiction of the Finance Authority of Maine. It expands the loan and grant program to cover construction, replacement and renovation of aboveground oil storage tanks and facilities, increases the maximum loan or grant to any one entity and related entities from \$300,000 to \$600,000, and provides that applicants with fewer than 15 service stations may not receive more than \$35,000 in loans for each service station. The bill also extends the mortgage insurance program to cover aboveground oil storage facility replacement projects and the installation of required vapor recovery/vapor control equipment.

**LD 954**

**An Act to Protect the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BENNETT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have expanded the definition of what is visible from the watercourse within the Allagash Wilderness Waterway to include the areas of Allagash Lake and Allagash Stream.

This bill would also have transferred management and control of state-owned lands within one mile of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation in the Department of Conservation and transferred lands in the waterway owned by the Bureau of Public Lands to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

**LD 961**

**An Act to Exempt Lawful Marine Harvesting Activities in Coastal Wetlands from the Natural Resource Protection Laws**

PUBLIC 215

**SPONSOR(S)**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-255  
H-275 KONTOS