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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 1090 An Act Repealing Advisory Boards on Energy and Natural Resource Matters**

PUBLIC 226

|                   |                         |                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|                   | OTP-AM                  | H-300                     |

**SUMMARY**

This bill, referred to as the "boards and commissions bill", would have repealed the Advisory Council on Energy Efficiency Building Performance Standards, the Waste Management Advisory Council, the Toxics Reduction Advisory Council, the Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee, the Oil Spill Advisory Committee, the Great Pond Task Force, the Citizens' Advisory Group, the Maine Critical Areas Advisory Board and the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste. The bill also would have resolved a conflict that confirms the repeal of the Recycling Advisory Council.

Committee amendment "A" (H-300) replaced the bill. Part A of the amendment resolves a conflict and confirmed the repeal of the Toxics Reduction Advisory Council and the Recycling Advisory Council.

Part B of the amendment amends the laws governing the Citizens' Advisory Group to clarify that the group's role is limited to advising the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority and does not include advising any other public or private entity in this State or in other states. The Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority is prohibited from paying for or providing services to the Citizens' Advisory Group which the Authority determines to be inconsistent with the Citizens' Advisory Group's statutory duties. Part B also repeals the Citizens' Advisory Group on October 1, 1994.

Part C of the amendment repeals the Great Pond Task Force on October 1, 1994.

**LD 1105 An Act to Authorize State Agencies to Accept Funds for an Alternative-fueled Vehicle Demonstration Project**

PUBLIC 466

|                   |                         |                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
| KONTOS            | OTP-AM                  | H-283                     |

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed state agencies to accept funds from the Federal Government or private entities to finance a natural gas vehicle demonstration project.

Committee amendment "A" (H-283) changes the title of the bill and replaces the bill. The amendment allows designated agencies of State Government to accept funds from the Federal Government or private entities to finance an alternative-fueled vehicle program under the provisions of the National Energy Policy Act of 1992, Section 409.

**LD 1125 An Act Concerning Continuous Emission Monitoring Devices**

PUBLIC 464

|                   |                         |                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
| TITCOMB           | OTP-AM                  | S-154                     |

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides that continuous air emission monitors, or CEMs, and operating parameter monitors, or OPMs are considered to be "in use" during preventive maintenance, calibration and audit provided those services are being conducted in accordance with a quality assurance plan submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill also provides that nonoperation of a CEM due to equipment malfunction does not subject a person to penalties if the period of nonoperation does not exceed 5% of source-operating time for opacity CEMs and 10% of source-operating time for all other CEMs and OPMs. The bill does not alter the department's existing authority to exempt periods of noncompliance due to unavoidable malfunction in excess of these thresholds. This bill provides that CEMs for sulfur dioxide may not be required on lime kilns that are equipped with approved sulfur removal devices.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-154) retains the change for lime kilns, but deletes the provision relating to OPMs and alters the provision for down time of CEMs. A facility will not be subject to enforcement action for CEM system downtime unless and until the monitoring devices are recording accurate and reliable data less than 90% of the source-operating time in the case of gaseous emissions monitoring and less than 95% of the source-operating time, excluding quality control and quality assurance procedures required by the DEP, for opacity monitoring. If these thresholds are exceeded in any calendar quarter, the department may take enforcement action against the licensee for any downtime in that quarter that the licensee can not prove was due to unavoidable equipment malfunction or established quality assurance/quality control activities.

**LD 1153      An Act to Improve the Administration of the Landfill Closure Program      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
ROTONDI

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed municipalities to cease closure activities at municipal solid waste landfills after December 31, 1992 if no state funds are available. If they chose to do so, the bill would have allowed municipalities to continue closure activities and wait for eventual reimbursement.

**LD 1170      An Act Regarding the Department of Environmental Protection Rulemaking      PUBLIC 328**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GWADOSKY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-317  
S-233    CIANCHETTE

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided that rules adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection may not be more stringent than federal law.

The committee amendment (H-317) replaced the original bill. The amendment would have required the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and natural resource matters on those portions of the proposed regulatory agenda of the Department of Environmental Protection that, in the commissioner's judgment, would be inconsistent with federal environmental law. The committee would have been directed to consult with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Chair of the Board of Environmental Protection. The committee would have been authorized to introduce legislation by majority vote of the