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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

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

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certification applications that are refiled after being withdrawn at the request of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or after being denied by the commissioner in order to avoid waiving the State's certification authority.

Senate amendment "A" (S-230) replaces the fiscal note on the Committee amendment.

LD 1387   An Act to Regulate the Impacts of Metallic Mining on Groundwater   ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ROTONDI	ONTP	

SUMMARY
This bill would have required case-by-case establishment of groundwater impact and effluent limits for each mining proposal on a site-specific basis. The bill would have required that all drinking water standards be met for all existing public and private drinking water systems. This bill would have required the use of best practicable treatment prior to any discharge to ground water. The bill would have superseded ground water impact standards recently adopted by the Land Use Regulation Commission and Board of Environmental Protection in the new comprehensive mining rules.

LD 1391   An Act to Regulate the Aboveground Storage of Oil and the Transportation of Oil in Inland Areas   INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES		
LAWRENCE		

SUMMARY
The bill would have required the registration of aboveground oil storage facilities, authorized the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing installation standards for new and replacement aboveground oil storage facilities, established a compliance schedule for upgrading or removing nonconforming tanks, established a 3rd-party damage claims process and divided the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund into 2 funds: the Maine Coastal Surface Oil Clean-up Fund and the Maine Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund. The bill would have also given the Department of Environmental Protection authority to conduct remediation activities including replacing water supplies and ordering parties responsible for oil discharges to conduct cleanups.

LD 1431   An Act to Improve Markets for Chlorine-free Paper Products   ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
YOUNG	OTP-AM	MAJ	
LEMKE	ONTP	MIN	

SUMMARY
This bill would have established a hierarchy for state purchases of paper products that gave preference to totally chlorine-free and recycled paper products. It also would have allowed a 10% price differential in awarding contracts for products that are totally chlorine-free.