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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.

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, 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

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE 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

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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fund for coverage instead of suing the owner or operator in court. The amendment also makes technical changes to the laws to reflect the repeal of the fee increase.

LD 1735 **An Act to Exempt Schools from Certain Fees**

PUBLIC 571

SPONSOR(S)
AHEARNE
PARADIS J

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-797

SUMMARY

This bill would exempt public schools from the inventory and registration fees imposed on underground storage tanks by the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-797) exempts public schools from registration and inventory fees for underground storage tanks imposed prior to March 1, 1994, instead of exempting them from fees permanently as proposed in the bill. The amendment also requires the Maine Emergency Management Agency to grant schools that have already paid the fees a credit against future fees. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1737 **An Act to Amend the Classification of Part of the Presumpscot River**

PUBLIC 523

SPONSOR(S)
LARRIVEE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-746

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the classification of the Presumpscot River Basin from Dundee Pond to Little's Island from Class B to Class A and upgraded the Pleasant River and its tributaries to Class A.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-746) changes the classification of the main stem of the Presumpscot River from the outlet of Dundee Pond to its confluence with the Pleasant River from Class B to Class A. This is a shorter portion of the main stem. Provision is made to retain the Class B aquatic life standard for this river segment for the purposes of federal relicensing of the Dundee Dam hydropower project. This amendment also retains the GP-A classification of the existing impoundment behind the Dundee Dam which had been inadvertently reclassified to a riverine classification in the original bill.

LD 1752 **An Act Concerning Protective Structures along the Coast in Biddeford**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
CARON

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1752 proposed to allow the construction and rebuilding of bulkheads and other protective structures along the coast in Biddeford adjacent to Granite Point.