

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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117TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

5581LHS

**LD 185****An Act to Restrict the Taking of Eels Less than 6 Inches in Length from Maine Coastal Waters**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HEINO**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to regulate the taking of eels by making it illegal to possess an eel that is less than 6 inches in length. The committee voted to carry the bill over to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. The committee requested the Department of Marine Resources develop a management plan for Maine's eel fishery and present to the committee a report on its plan and any recommended legislation by January 15, 1996.

**LD 232 An Act to Reduce Clam Digger License Fees for Clam Diggers with a Municipal License**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BEGLEY**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed a holder of a municipal shellfish conservation program license to pay a reduced fee of \$40 for a state shellfish license.

**LD 243 An Act to Enhance the Clam Industry in the State**

P &amp; S 46

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GOLDTHWAIT**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-374 HANLEY  
S-48**SUMMARY**

The bill would have appropriated funds to partially offset the operating costs of the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-48) replaced the original bill. It would have appropriated grants of \$15,000 in fiscal year 1995-96 and \$15,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 to support the hatching and raising of seed clams at the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-374) alters the committee amendment by appropriating a grant of \$15,000 in fiscal year 1995-96 to the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery and eliminating the grant for fiscal year 1996-97 that had been included in Committee amendment "A".

**LD 253 An Act Concerning Municipal Shellfish Conservation Program Penalties**

PUBLIC 75

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DAVIDSON**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP MAJ  
ONTP MIN**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-77 BUTLAND**SUMMARY**

The bill provides that the only penalty for the violation of certain provisions of a municipal shellfish conservation ordinance be a fine imposed according to the laws authorizing municipal shellfish conservation programs. Its purpose is to prevent a court from imposing a penalty other than a fine, such as community service.