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

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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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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.

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17. It requires the State Planning Office to convene a task force, including Legislators, to examine state policy regarding operation of the State's waste management site at Carpenter Ridge and to examine state policy regarding the ban on commercial solid waste disposal facilities; and
18. It deallocates positions from the Maine Waste Management Agency, transfers positions to the State Planning Office to perform some of the Maine Waste Management Agency's functions, provides funding for the tire program and for payment of the \$500,000 due to Lincoln Pulp and Paper if the State receives a license to operate the facility. It provides for the transfer of money for Department of Environmental Protection positions to the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-373) strikes the following provisions from LD 229 to avoid duplication of language already enacted as Part NN of the budget bill, LD 706: provisions terminating eligibility for the recycling investment tax credit as of June 30, 1995, eliminating all positions (16) at the Maine Waste Management Agency, allocating 6 positions to the State Planning Office to continue certain functions of the agency, moving 9 solid waste management positions at DEP from the General Fund to the Solid Waste Management Fund, eliminating 3 DEP solid waste management positions from the Solid Waste Management Fund and moving 2 of those positions to the Maine Environmental Protection Fund, and allocating funds for tire stockpile clean-up.

LD 258

An Act to Change the State's Air Quality Standard for Ozone to the Federal Standard

PUBLIC 306

SPONSOR(S)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-293

SUMMARY

The bill proposed to change the state ozone standard from .08 parts per million to .12 parts per million, the current federal standard.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-293) replaces the bill. It repeals the current Maine ambient air quality standard for photochemical oxidant, primarily ozone. The amendment does not replace the state standard, but references the federal standard for purposes of statutory and regulatory interpretation of existing Maine law. The amendment also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to issue ozone health alert warnings to the media, to be disseminated to the general public, when monitored data indicates or the department predicts that an ozone concentration of 81 parts per billion has been or will be exceeded. The amendment also requires the department to disseminate this information through a toll-free information telephone hot line.

The amendment directs the department to use all best efforts to ensure that other states develop state implementation plans for control of ozone precursors that would be designed to allow Maine to improve its air quality. The amendment directs the Governor to urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to expeditiously complete its review of the current national ambient air quality standard for ozone.