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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.

5581LHS

An Act to Opt Out of the Federal Requirement to Use Reformulated Fuel and to Prohibit Its Sale in the State

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TUFTS	ONTP	MAJ	
CASSIDY	OTP-AM	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to petition the federal Environmental Protection Agency to remove Maine counties from the federal regulation requiring certain areas of the country to sell reformulated gasoline.

The minority report of the committee would have required a petition to opt out of the reformulated gasoline program and would have prohibited the sale of reformulated gasoline in the State, unless federal law required its sale. The report was initially adopted in each body but was later indefinitely postponed.

LD 382 An Act to Credit Incineration of Used Tires as Recycling

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD	OTP-AM		H-37

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to allow any material used as fuel in an incineration facility to be counted toward meeting state municipal solid waste recycling goals if the materials would have otherwise been recycled .

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-37) replaces the bill and authorizes municipalities to credit tires used as fuel in incinerators toward meeting the state goal of recycling 50% of municipal solid waste, if the tires would otherwise be placed in a landfill, and the State Planning Office determines that there is no reasonably available market in the State for recycling that waste.

LD 422 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Bulkheads and Retaining Walls on Scarborough River

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to review the geologist's report that is required every 2 years from the holder of a permit for a bulkhead or retaining wall on Scarborough River. The bill would have also allowed the commissioner to amend recommendations contained in the report and to require a permit holder to follow the recommendations.

LD 445 An Act to Change Certain Provisions of the Saco River Corridor Law

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-152
	OTP-AM	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill ensures that certain provisions of the Saco River Corridor Act are at least as stringent as the State's Mandatory Shoreland Act.

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