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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**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 & 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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LD 384 **Resolve, to Install Fish Screens in the West Grand Lake Dam** CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
BAILEY

SUMMARY

This resolve would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to install a fish screen in the West Grand Lake Dam. This resolve was carried over for further consideration in the Second Regular Session.

LD 424 **An Act Concerning Juveniles Hunting without Adult Supervision** PUBLIC 116

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
HALL OTP-AM S-67

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a person who holds a resident junior hunting license and who is between the ages of 10 and 15 may only hunt while in the presence and under the supervision of an adult.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-67) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 428 **An Act to Require That Additions to the Endangered Species List Be Approved by the Legislature** PUBLIC 415

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CIANCHETTE OTP-AM MAJ S-248
CAREY OTP-AM MIN S-274 HALL

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to designate a species as endangered or threatened and enacts into law the existing list of endangered and threatened species. The bill also requires the Commissioner to recommend changes to the statutory list of endangered and threatened species if any of the standards under 12 MRSA, section 7753, subsection 1 apply to that species.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-248) makes technical corrections to the bill and strikes a provision in the bill that proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to "delete" a species from the statutory list.

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-274) requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide for public notice and public comment on proposed recommendations for changes in the list of endangered or threatened species. That public notice and public hearing must be conducted according to the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act that apply to agency rule-making activities. This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill and states that the Legislature may not change the list of endangered or threatened species except upon the recommendation of the commissioner.