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ON  
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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 &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.

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**LD 436**      **An Act to Protect the Deer Population from Over-hunting**      ONTP

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b><br>MARSHALL | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b><br>ONTP | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have added the 2 months prior to deer season to the period during which deer may not be fed or baited. It also would have included the distribution of excess quantities of deer food, salt and bait to the definition of illegal deer baiting and required that excess quantities of food, salt and bait for deer placed by machines be removed prior to the beginning of the expanded time that deer feeding would have been prohibited.

**LD 455**      **Resolve, to Stock Rainbow Trout in the Penobscot River**      ONTP

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b><br>KEANE | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b><br>ONTP      MAJ<br>OTP-AM      MIN | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
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**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have required the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to stock rainbow trout in the Penobscot River above the Bangor Hydroelectric Company dam in Old Town and below the Howland Bridge.

**LD 458**      **An Act to Reduce the Number of Signatures Required to Open a Pond for Fishing**      ONTP

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|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b><br>JONES K | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b><br>ONTP      MAJ<br>OTP-AM      MIN | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to initiate rule-making proceedings when it receives a certified petition from 25 or more registered voters requesting that a pond be opened to fishing.

**LD 502**      **An Act to Create a Catch and Release Fishing Program in the State**      ONTP

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b><br>BENOIT | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b><br>ONTP | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have divided the State into 4 zones, one of which would have been limited for a period of 2 years to catch and release fishing. The bill also would have required the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a schedule that every 2 years rotates catch and release restrictions among zones in a consecutive manner.