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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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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:

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| <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

LD 520 An Act to Stop the Alewives Restoration Program in the St. Croix River

PUBLIC 48

SPONSOR(S)
BAILEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-78

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited state-funded or state-supported alewife restoration programs on the St. Croix River.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-78) replaces the original bill. The amendment stops alewife passage through the Grand Falls Dam and the Woodland Dam on the St. Croix River by requiring that the Commissioner of Marine Resources and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife act to ensure that by May 1st of this year those fishways are configured or operated in a manner that will prevent the passage of alewives. The amendment also changes the bill to an emergency.

LD 524 An Act to Authorize Game Wardens to Enforce Prohibitions against Swimming in Navigable River Channels

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
KONTOS

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the ability to adopt rules to prohibit swimming in waters that the commissioner determines to be hazardous.

LD 589 An Act to Prohibit Game Wardens from Violating State Laws to Carry Out Their Powers and Duties

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
LORD

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the section of law that allows game wardens, if necessary to carry out their duties, to do "anything otherwise prohibited" by other fish and wildlife laws.

LD 592 An Act to Require a Person to Have a Hunting License to Participate in the Moose Lottery

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DAMREN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the moose hunting laws to establish a permit system similar to the system used for antlerless deer permits. Under the system proposed in the bill, a person would have been required to hold a valid hunting license in order to apply for a moose permit.