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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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-169) broadens the scope of the study from environmental standards to environmental requirements, whether the requirements are standards, interpretations or other requirements. It also requires the study to include examination of state requirements that are inconsistent with federal requirements. Finally, the amendment adds a fiscal note and changes the title of the resolve to clarify that it applies only to environmental regulation of the paper industry.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-331) adds an allocation section to the resolve to authorize expenditures of funds from private or public sources in the event that the Task Force to Study Environmental Regulation Relating to the Paper Industry raises funds from outside sources.

LD 1122

Resolve, Urging Efforts to Enhance Opportunities for Businesses that Use Recycled Materials as Raw Materials

RESOLVE 42
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TREAT	OTP-AM MAJ	H-550
	ONTP MIN	S-344 CARPENTER

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to change the date by which 50% of municipal solid waste must be recycled from January 1, 1995 to January 1, 1997, required the Maine Waste Management Agency to update its market development and marketing plan every 2 years and required the plan to include a process for identifying businesses that need or could use recycled materials. The bill would have also required the agency to search out businesses that need or could use recycled materials and to identify strategies to match the needs of those businesses with the untapped capacity of municipalities and other waste producers. The bill would have added metal, glass and plastics to the list of materials that must be recycled by state government, required the Maine Waste Management Agency to take into consideration the volume and type of materials recycled by municipalities when considering whether a municipality has made reasonable progress in recycling. The bill would have removed the law requiring the State to reimburse bottle bill deposit initiators for overredemption of bottle deposits. The bill also clarified the Maine Waste Management Agency's duty to develop and implement a statewide system for collecting and disposing of household hazardous waste, and provided funding for the program by increasing the percentage of unredeemed bottle deposits payable to the State.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-550) replaces the bill with a resolve requiring the successor to the Maine Waste Management Agency, in structuring its efforts and assigning responsibilities to staff, to include as a goal the matching of business that use recycled materials as raw material with entities that produce recyclable materials.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-334) makes a technical change to add an emergency clause to the bill.

LD 1154

An Act to Continue the State's Dioxin Monitoring Program

PUBLIC 223

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BERRY	OTP-AM	H-250

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to extend the dioxin monitoring program to include those facilities that are known to have dioxin in their effluent but are not presently included in the monitoring location selection criteria. The bill proposed to allow the State to directly assess industrial facilities that are known to discharge dioxin to public waste water treatment facilities for the program costs. The bill proposed to extend the dioxin monitoring program for another 5 years.