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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:

<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</b>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>FAILED ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<b>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<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 1109**      **An Act to Modify the Kennebec Water District's Authority to Limit Swimming in a Certain Area on China Lake**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
VIGUE                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to repeal Private and Special Law 1931, chapter 67 that prohibited swimming in the west basin of China Lake. The bill also proposed to permit property owners abutting the Kennebec Water District to use the property of the water district for recreational purposes if that use does not interfere with the operation of the water district or detract from the quality of the water used by the district.

**LD 1128**      **Resolve, Concerning the Exercise of the Eminent Domain Powers of the Portland Water District**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
GREENLAW                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This resolve proposed to require the Portland Water District to bear any expenses incurred by the Town of Standish in connection with the district's use of its eminent domain powers in the town.

**LD 1147**      **An Act to Increase Capitalization of the Seal Harbor Water Company**      P & S 19

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
GOLDTHWAIT                                      OTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the name of the Seal Harbor Water Supply Company to the Seal Harbor Water Company, consistent with the name change filed with the Secretary of State on September 4, 1945. This bill also increases the bonding authority and real and personal estate holding limits of the company.

**LD 1151**      **An Act to Allow Local Control over the Allocation of Public Fire Protection Costs**      ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
ADAMS    ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to permit municipalities to cease paying public fire protection charges to water utilities. Water utilities would have been required to shift those charges to metered users.