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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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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SPONSOR(S)
BUTLAND**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
S-143**SUMMARY**

The bill would have deleted the requirement that the Department of Marine Resources sell double gauge lobster measures.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-143) replaces the original bill. It strikes from law the requirement that the Department of Marine Resources provide double gauge lobster measures for sale at actual cost. It requires department personnel to use a double gauge lobster measure that is certified for accuracy by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures. It also requires that any measurement used to substantiate a violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6431 must be made with a certified double gauge lobster measure.

The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1209 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Marine Resources Advisory CouncilPUBLIC 382
EMERGENCY**SPONSOR(S)**
GOLDTHWAIT**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
S-263**SUMMARY**

The bill expands the membership of the Marine Resources Advisory Council from 9 members to 15 members. The expanded membership adds a public member, members who are engaged in commercial fisheries but who are not licensed harvesters and one person representing the aquaculture industry.

The bill strikes the requirement that the members of the council be reviewed by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources, but retains the provision that they must be confirmed by the Legislature.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-263) changes compensation for members of the Marine Resources Advisory Council from \$25 a day to payment of expenses only. It also keeps current statutory language requiring that the Governor's appointments to the council be reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources.

It also adds a fiscal note and an emergency preamble and clause to the bill.

LD 1210 An Act to Protect Near-shore Groundfish Spawning Areas

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
HARRIMAN**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would require that the Commissioner of Marine Resources adopt rules by January 1, 1996 that identify the time and location of cod, haddock and yellowtail flounder spawning in coastal waters. The bill would prohibit all commercial harvesting of marine organisms in those spawning areas during the period those species are spawning.