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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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-514) allows the Governor to appoint up to 6 additional public members to the Great Pond Task Force, to ensure that all interested parties are represented. The amendment also amends the duties of the task force, extends the deadline for reporting a management strategy to January 1, 1997 and specifies that the State Planning Office shall provide staffing and funding for the task force and shall review and update the management strategy every 5 years.

**LD 1260**      **An Act to Repeal the Automobile Emissions Testing Law, to Repeal the Requirement to Use Reformulated Gasoline and to Withdraw Maine from the Ozone Transport Region**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have repealed the Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing Program, required the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to petition the United States Environmental Protection Agency to remove Maine counties from the federal regulation requiring certain areas of the country to sell reformulated gasoline and required the Department of Environmental Protection to prepare a petition for the Governor's signature sufficient to satisfy the United States Environmental Protection Agency's requirements to remove the State from the Ozone Transport Region.

See LD 48, 716, 376 and 625.

**LD 1263**      **An Act to Delegate Permit-granting Authority to Municipalities**      PUBLIC 267

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
LONGLEY                      OTP-AM                      S-206

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require a municipality, in order to receive authority to issue permits under certain state environmental laws, to have a board of appeals, a certified, licensed code enforcement officer, and an application form that is substantially the same as that provided by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. The bill would have also repealed the requirement that a municipality have a comprehensive plan and required instead that the municipality have a shoreland zoning ordinance and a flood hazard plan. The bill would have also required certified municipal code enforcement officers and officials of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to enforce certain environmental laws.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-206) replaces the bill. It changes the standards that a municipality must meet in order to receive authority to issue permits under the natural resources protection laws. The amendment adds the requirement that the municipality have a certified code enforcement officer and a board of appeals, but allows the municipality to have forms different from the state forms as long as they are substantially the same as the state forms.