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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:

<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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LD 1186 An Act to Modify and Update Certain Laws Pertaining to the Importation and Possession of Wild Turkeys

PUBLIC 213

SPONSOR(S)
TUFTS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-257

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the importation, possession and release of wild turkeys, hybrid wild turkeys and wild turkey-domestic turkey crosses.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-257) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1237 An Act to Ensure Public Review and Legislative Oversight of Proposals Regarding the Introduction or Reintroduction of Threatened or Endangered Species

PUBLIC 243

SPONSOR(S)
JACQUES

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-288

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission to develop a recovery plan prior to the introduction or reintroduction of an endangered or threatened species in the State. The introduction or reintroduction of that species must be conducted in accordance with that recovery plan and may not begin until 90 days after the commissioner has conducted a public hearing on that plan and submitted a copy of that plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-288) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1238 An Act to Provide a \$35 Bounty on Coyotes

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
KEANE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a statewide Coyote Award Program with an award of \$35 for each coyote killed during the period of time in which the program is operational.

LD 1298 An Act to Change the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission

PUBLIC 406

SPONSOR(S)
BAILEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-607
H-615 CLARK

SUMMARY

This bill would have abolished the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission and reassigned its responsibilities to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-607) replaces the bill. The amendment abolishes the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission and in its place establishes the Atlantic Salmon Authority. The Atlantic Salmon Authority is governed by an 8-member board consisting of 4 public members representing various geographical regions of the State, one member from the Passamaquoddy Tribe, one member from the Penobscot Nation, the

Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources. Members may be selected from among names submitted by organizations listed as affiliates of the Atlantic Salmon Authority, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation. All appointments are subject to confirmation by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. State employees may not be appointed and may not serve on the Atlantic Salmon Board.

The amendment establishes the Atlantic Salmon Authority as the agency having sole authority over management of the Atlantic salmon fishery in the State. Authority to manage landlocked salmon remains with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as do all powers to regulate the importation of salmon, live or eggs, used in aquaculture, but all powers to manage or regulate the Atlantic salmon fishery previously held by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the Department of Marine Resources is transferred to the Atlantic Salmon Authority. The amendment gives the Atlantic Salmon Authority the sole authority to introduce or authorize the introduction of Atlantic salmon into state waters for the purpose of enhancing the Atlantic salmon fishery, to limit or prohibit the taking of Atlantic salmon, to issue licenses and to adopt rules establishing the time, place and manner of Atlantic salmon fishing in inland and coastal waters. The Atlantic Salmon Authority inherits all other powers and duties held by the former Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission.

Transition provisions in the amendment require the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to make all appointments to the Atlantic Salmon Board within 30 days after the effective date of this Act. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required to continue to provide administrative support to the Atlantic Salmon Authority and the authority is required to report to the Legislature in January 1996. That report must include the authority's plan for managing the State's Atlantic salmon fishery and any statutory recommendations on staffing or budget issues the authority determines necessary to implement that plan.

The amendment also adds appropriation and allocation sections that transfer the existing position counts and appropriations and allocations of the former Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission to the newly created Atlantic Salmon Authority.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-615) adds a provision to the committee amendment that prohibits the Atlantic Salmon Authority from stocking Atlantic salmon in the East Branch of the Penobscot River.

LD 1325 An Act to Allow Statewide Hunting of Upland Game and Migratory Waterfowl on Sundays ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LAYTON	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed a person to hunt on Sundays in October prior to the open season on deer.

**LD 1343 Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Trespass Laws RESOLVE 53
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TUFTS	OTP-AM	H-344 S-387 HANLEY

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes a commission to study and revise the trespass laws in the State.