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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:

<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 1347 An Act to Require a Silvicultural Basis for Harvesting That Produces Understocked Stands**

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
SHIAH	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have extended existing forest regeneration and clearcutting standards to forest harvesting that produces understocked forest stands. The bill would have limited harvesting that produces clearcut or understocked stands to those circumstances where it is scientifically necessary.

**LD 1349 An Act to Clarify Animal Welfare Laws Relating to Euthanasia by Owners**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
KILKELLY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the animal welfare laws relating to euthanasia and the killing of animals by owners and owners' agents.

**LD 1356 An Act to Clarify the Animal Welfare Laws**

PUBLIC 490

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CASSIDY KILKELLY	OTP-AM	S-298

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have clarified the animal welfare laws and euthanasia procedures for cats, dogs and other domesticated animals.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-298) replaces the bill. It makes a variety of changes and additions to the animal welfare laws, including provisions concerning cruelty to animals; the permissible method of shooting cats and dogs by owners; euthanasia of cats and dogs by veterinarians and others certified to administer euthanasia; license fee and late fee adjustments; laws concerning kennels; and the duties of municipal officials. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1362 An Act to Permit Boarding and Licensed Kennels to Administer Rabies Vaccinations**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MICHAUD	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed a person who has successfully completed instruction approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to administer rabies vaccinations to dogs that reside in a licensed kennel.