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BILL SUMMARIES
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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:

CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
FAILED ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<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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10. The bill exempts certain borrow pits from common scheme of development review.

In addition, this bill accomplishes the following:

1. It clarifies the definition of public drinking water supply to include the source of supply, not just the well; and
2. It exempts from the site laws rock quarries of 2 acres or less in size, if the product from the quarry is used solely to supply aggregate for the Department of Transportation road construction and maintenance projects. Under this bill, those small quarries less would have to file a notice of intent to comply with certain specified performance standards.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-283) adds language protecting dug wells as well as point-driven wells, makes technical changes and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-288) is a technical amendment to renumber the subsections to read consecutively with existing law.

LD 1438 **An Act to Create Wet-weather Water Quality Standards**

PUBLIC 284

SPONSOR(S)

JACQUES
BUSTIN

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-366

SUMMARY

This bill proposes changes to Maine's water quality standards to allow Maine combined sewer overflow communities to request from the Board of Environmental Protection temporary limited-use segments. These site-specific limited-use segments would remove designated uses for short periods of time after rain storms and snowmelt in areas affected by existing combined sewer overflows.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-366) adds a statement affirming that the State's goal is to maintain and restore water quality and to eliminate or control combined sewer overflows as soon as practicable. The amendment also clarifies that the Board of Environmental Protection is not required to create a CSO subcategory when the stated conditions are met, but the board has discretion to do so.

LD 1450 **An Act to Reestablish the Office of Environmental
Evaluation and Lake Studies**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

DAMREN

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided a General Fund appropriation to reestablish the Office of Environmental Evaluation and Lake Studies.