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ON  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees  
August 1997**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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established a shrimp harvesting license, and it would have established the Shrimp Research Fund, a dedicated fund capitalized through commercial shrimp fishing license revenues.

The bill would have provided that a commercial shellfish harvester not licensed by the State could apply to a town for a municipal license but that a municipal commercial shellfish license could not be issued unless that applicant possessed a state commercial shellfish license.

**LD 436**                      **An Act Authorizing the St. George River Shellfish Management Committee to Determine Availability of and Fees for Clam Licenses**                      **PUBLIC 247**  
See LD 1837

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SKOGLUND PINGREE	OTP-ND-NT	

LD 436 would have allowed the municipalities of St. George, Cushing South Thomaston, Thomaston and Warren to determine the cost of municipal shellfish licenses. These five municipalities have entered into a regional shellfish management agreement and have formed the St. George River Shellfish Management Committee. The committee unanimously voted “ought to pass, new draft” on an amended version of the bill. This version was printed as LD 1837. LD 1837, which was enacted as Public Law 1997, chapter 247, removes, on a statewide basis, the \$200 cap that a municipality may set for a local resident shellfish license.

**LD 456**                      **An Act to Return Revenue from Lease Sites for Aquaculture to Municipalities**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN	ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM      MIN	

LD 456 proposed that the proceeds from an aquaculture lease be transferred to the municipality in which the leased site is located.

**LD 468**                      **An Act Pertaining to the Aquaculture Lease Law**                      **PUBLIC 138**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HONEY	OTP-AM	H-167

LD 468 proposed to accomplish the following.

1. Provide for an experimental lease that may be for commercial aquaculture research as defined by the Commissioner of Marine Resources;
2. Eliminate the acreage cap for individual aquaculture leases and raise the individual ownership cap to 250 acres;