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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
*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 September 18, 1999.

## Joint Select Committee on Research and Development

**LD 171**

**An Act to Provide State Funding for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACKINNON MACDOUGALL	OTP-AM	

LD 171 proposed to appropriate \$300,000 to the Department of Conservation in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. These funds would be provided as grants to the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve to ensure that the reserve has the necessary operating funds to continue with its research and educational programs. This state funding would serve as the match for certain private and federal grants.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-166)** proposed to appropriate the \$300,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Authority instead of to the Department of Conservation. This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

**LD 248**

**An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development to Fund the Governor's Marine Studies Fellowship Program**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HONEY GOLDTHWAIT	ONTP	

LD 248 proposed to appropriate funds to the Governor's Marine Studies Fellowship Program to provide support for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in state-chartered colleges and universities to work with researchers in academic institutions, marine industries and marine industry associations.

The provisions of this bill were subsequently amended and incorporated into the Part 2 budget (Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part TT).

See also LD 2243.

**LD 293**

**An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development Relating to Capital Improvements to Support Research and Development in the University of Maine System**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEVENS CATHCART	ONTP	