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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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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.

LD 1985 proposed prohibiting the retail sale of irradiated food unless the food is labeled "irradiated food."

**LD 1987**

**An Act to License Hikers, Canoeists, Kayakers and Off-road Bicyclists**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1987 proposed establishing a recreational license to be issued by the Commissioner of Conservation to any resident or nonresident who engaged in hiking, canoeing, kayaking or off-road bicycling in the State. A person would be exempt from this requirement if the person were hiking, canoeing, kayaking or off-road bicycling on the land of the person or the person's immediate family or if the person possessed a valid hunting or fishing permit or a license to operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle. Proposed fees for the recreational license ranged from \$5 for a resident who is under 16 years of age to \$48 for a nonresident who is 16 years of age or older. All fees would be used for trail maintenance and enforcement of the licensing provision to be divided between the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**LD 1999**

**Resolve, to Create a Committee to Establish a Memorial Dedicated to the Civilian Conservation Corps**

**RESOLVE 83**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUPLESSIE CATHCART		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-305 H-767 DUPLESSIE
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LD 1999 proposed creating a 9-member Committee to Establish a Memorial Dedicated to the Civilian Conservation Corps.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-305)** proposed adding an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

**House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-767)** proposed changes in the composition of the committee. It proposed deauthorizing payment of any reimbursement or expenses to the members of the committee and amending the fiscal note and striking the appropriations section to reflect this change.

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 1999, chapter 83 establishes the Committee to Establish a Memorial Dedicated to the Civilian Conservation Corps. The committee is charged with studying issues relating to the funding, location and inscription of a memorial. The committee consists of 2 to 4 former members of the Civilian Conservation Corps and one member of the House of Representatives. The committee is required to submit its report to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature by January 14, 2000.

**LD 2005**

**Resolve, to Establish the Maine Forest Policy Round Table Study Commission**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> VOLENIK		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2005 proposes establishing the Maine Forest Policy Round Table Study Commission to address and study key forestry issues, including economic and labor issues, and to make recommendations for changes in the State's forestry policy.