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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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).

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*
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 21, 2001.*

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replacing institutional or other grant aid; and provides for a sunset review of this provision by requiring the Finance Authority of Maine to provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the need for extending or repealing authorization for this provision in its annual report to the Legislature for fiscal year 2002-03.

Public Law 2001, chapter 70 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 2, 2001.

LD 1020   **Resolve, to Assess the Condition of Historical Records in Maine**   **RESOLVE 10**
            Historical Records Repositories   **EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DUNLAP	OTP-AM	H-126
GAGNON		

LD 1020, a resolve, proposed to require the Secretary of State and the University of Maine System to develop a plan for designating regional depositories for rare books, manuscripts and vital records.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-126) proposed to replace the resolve, make the resolve an emergency and change the title of the resolve.

This amendment would have required the Secretary of State and the University of Maine System to plan for assessing the condition of historical records in Maine, the threats to the integrity of those records and accessibility of those records. The plan proposed to include an educational component that provides assistance to historical records repositories in protecting, preserving and providing access to those materials.

The amendment proposed that the Secretary of State and the University of Maine System report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on that plan by February 1, 2002.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 10 requires the Secretary of State and the University of Maine System to plan for assessing the condition of historical records in Maine, the threats to the integrity of those records and accessibility of those records. The plan must include an educational component that provides assistance to historical records repositories in protecting, preserving and providing access to those materials. The law also directs the Secretary of State and the University of Maine System to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on that plan by February 1, 2002.

Resolve 2001, chapter 10 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2001.