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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Transportation*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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).

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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 113 **An Act to Transfer State Ownership of Certain Railroad Rights-of-way and Create the Calais to Eastport Rail Authority** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 113 proposed to create the Calais to Eastport Rail Authority. The bill proposed to direct the authority to establish freight rail service between Calais and Eastport in Washington County. The bill also proposed to transfer the Department of Transportation's interest in the existing rail line between Calais and Ayers Junction to the authority. The bill further proposed to transfer the Department of Transportation's interest in the existing rail line between Ayers Junction and the Hancock County line to those municipalities through which the line runs.

LD 150 **Resolve, Directing That a Traffic Light Be Installed at an Intersection in York** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LEMONT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 150 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to install a traffic light on Route 1 in York at the intersection of Route 1, Beech Ridge Road and South Side Road.

LD 152 **Resolve, Regarding State Designation of Memorials Honoring the Underground Railroad** **RESOLVE 9**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> YOUNGBLOOD PERRY J		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-36
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LD 152 proposed to place signs along both lanes of Interstate 95 in the Brewer area informing travelers of the Chamberlain Freedom Park.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-36) proposed to replace the bill and to designate the Underground Railroad Memorial located in the Chamberlain Freedom Park in Brewer as the official state memorial to honor the Underground Railroad. The amendment also proposed to allow that, notwithstanding this designation, the Legislature may designate other monuments, structures or properties in other locations throughout the State as state memorials in honor of the Underground Railroad.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 9 designates the Underground Railroad Memorial located in the Chamberlain Freedom Park in Brewer as the official state memorial to honor the Underground Railroad. It allows that, notwithstanding this designation, the Legislature may designate other monuments, structures or properties in other locations throughout the State as state memorials in honor of the Underground Railroad.