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*Bill Summaries
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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 Natural Resources

LD 188

An Act To Amend the Waste Management Laws Regarding the Spreading of Sludge on Land

PUBLIC 231

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RINES HALL	OTP-AM	H-259

LD 188 proposed to clarify that a municipality may adopt environmental standards that apply to the land application of sludge that are at least as stringent as the environmental standards that apply in the State or political subdivision of the State where the sludge originates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-259) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to provide that the utilization and distribution of residuals that contain human pathogens, such as municipal treatment plant sludge, may not be licensed by permit by rule. The amendment also proposed to direct the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a list of interested parties to whom notice of applications for the distribution of composted sludge must be provided. The amendment also proposed to require that notice be distributed via electronic mail to all municipalities that are equipped to receive electronic mail. The amendment also proposed that any amendment of Board of Environmental Protection rules to make the rules consistent with this bill is a routine technical rule.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 231 provides that the utilization and distribution of residuals that contain human pathogens, such as municipal treatment plant sludge, may not be licensed by permit by rule. It also directs the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a list of interested parties to whom notice of applications for the distribution of composted sludge must be provided. The notice must also be distributed via electronic mail to all municipalities that are equipped to receive electronic mail. It also provides that any amendment of Board of Environmental Protection rules to make the rules consistent with this bill is a routine technical rule.

LD 215

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Environmental Protection to Create Statewide Standards for Incinerators

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SULLIVAN MARTIN	ONTP	

LD 215 proposed to require the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules that provide uniform incinerator emissions standards applicable to all communities in Maine.