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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

*July 2003*

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# Maine State Legislature



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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### 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](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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 319**

**An Act to Reenact Standards for Road Construction for Forest Management Activities**

**PUBLIC 23**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARR KNEELAND	OTP	

LD 319 proposed enacting language concerning permit by rule for road construction or maintenance that was repealed on August 1, 2002.

***Enacted Law Summary***

Public Law 2003, chapter 23 reenacts the permit by rule provision for road construction or maintenance associated with forest management activities that was repealed on August 1, 2002. For an eligible activity, the permit by rule is effective upon receipt by the Department of Environmental Protection of a completed notification form.

**LD 327**

**Resolve, Requiring the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Adopt Rules Regarding Care and Treatment of Elephants**

**RESOLVE 41**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON MCKEE	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-120 PENDLETON S-85

LD 327 proposed prohibiting a person from making available an elephant for use in a traveling exhibition or for the purpose of allowing an individual to ride, feed or have other physical contact not related to the care of the elephant.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-85)**, which was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, proposed to replace the original bill. It proposed allowing elephants to enter the state with traveling exhibitions but imposed certain conditions relating to the care of elephants and requiring an itinerary to be filed with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. It proposed prohibiting a person owning or having control of an elephant from allowing a member of the public to ride an elephant; and proposed penalties for violation of the laws pertaining specifically to elephants.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-120)** proposed striking the committee amendment and requiring the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt routine technical rules regarding the care and treatment of elephants based on standards of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.