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*Bill Summaries
Joint Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources*

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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 552

An Act To Establish Cleaning Stations for Boats Entering Maine

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BLAIS RECTOR		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 552 proposed to require that:

1. Informational material regarding the requirements of boaters to purchase a lake and river protection sticker and the reasons for the sticker be handed to boaters driving north on the Maine Turnpike and on informational signs on roads leading into the State;
2. Cleaning equipment be located at invasive aquatic plant inspection stations that are at or near the borders of the State;
3. Inspectors or other agents of the State immediately clean watercraft, watercraft trailers or outboard motors that fail inspection;
4. Inspection stations at or near the borders of the State issue lake and river protection stickers and certificates of inspection for watercraft, watercraft trailers and outboard motors that pass inspection; and
5. Proceeds of the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund be used to establish cleaning stations before being spent on other elements of the program to prevent infestation of and to control invasive aquatic plants.

LD 564

An Act To Clarify the Responsibilities of the Department of Environmental Protection

PUBLIC 131

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HUTTON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-144
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LD 564 proposed to require the Department of Environmental Protection to request and consider comments from the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission on projects that are partially within the commission's jurisdiction but will not require a permit from the commission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 685-B, subsection 1-A, paragraph B. The bill also proposed to clarify that the department must protect outstanding river segments and protect against erosion and sedimentation, regardless of whether the project is located within organized or unorganized areas.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-144) proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to clarify that, in processing applications for permits for transmission lines and pipelines under the natural resources protection laws, an outstanding river segment will receive the same level of protection regardless of whether the outstanding river segment is located within the organized or unorganized territories.