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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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Regulation Commission to submit recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regulating the permissible motor size of watercraft on great ponds. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "A" (S-286) proposed to replace the bill and prohibit the operation of personal watercraft on Lake St. George in the Town of Liberty. It also proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 484 prohibits the operation of personal watercraft on Lake St. George in the Town of Liberty.

Public Law 2003, chapter 484 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2003.

LD 679 **An Act to Permit Sunday Hunting in Maine** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISCHER BRYANT	ONTP	

LD 679 proposed to repeal the law that prohibited hunting wild animals and wild birds on Sunday.

LD 755 **An Act To Permit Sunday Hunting for Residents of the State** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON STANLEY	ONTP	

LD 755 proposed to specify that the Sunday hunting prohibition applied only to nonresidents, thus allowing residents of the State to hunt on Sundays. Under current law, hunting is prohibited on Sundays.

LD 778 **An Act To Create the Snowmobile Trail Fund Advisory Council** **PUBLIC 260**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK KNEELAND	OTP-AM	H-306

LD 778 proposed to establish the Snowmobile Trail Fund Advisory Council.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-306) proposed to expand the membership of the Snowmobile Trail Fund Advisory Council established by the bill. It also proposed to make certain changes to the terms of members, provide that members are entitled only to expenses, modify the council's duties, provide for its meetings to be held in August and February and require notice of the council's meetings to be in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 406.