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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

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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 788

An Act To Enhance Vistas

PUBLIC 119

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GAGNON USHER	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-35
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LD 788 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to consult with each municipality traversed by a state or state aid highway to preserve and develop the natural scenic beauty along and adjacent to any state or state aid highway within the boundaries of that municipality, including consultation on the placement of utility poles and signage, and to integrate the public improvement with the aesthetics of the area traversed by the highway.

The bill also proposed to require the Department of Transportation to take into consideration the views of the municipal officers as to the location of state and state aid highway construction or alteration and the interests of the municipal officers with respect to the natural scenic beauty along and adjacent to any state or state aid highway, particularly along those areas of the highway that constitute the entrance to that municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-35) proposed to make minor clarifications and reallocate language to better fulfill the intent of the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 119 allows the Department of Transportation, in consultation with a municipality, to preserve and develop the natural scenic beauty along and adjacent to any state or state aid highway to integrate the public improvement with the aesthetics of the area traversed by the highway, particularly along those areas of the highway that constitute the entrance to that municipality. It requires the Department of Transportation to consult with each municipality traversed by a state or state aid highway on the placement of utility poles and signs within the boundaries of that municipality. The law also requires the Department of Transportation to take into consideration the interests of a municipality as to the location of any state and state aid highway construction or alteration within the boundaries of that municipality.

LD 795

Resolve, To Declare Maine Aviation Education Week

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HALL FAIRCLOTH	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 795 proposed to establish the week beginning April 14, 2003 as Maine Aviation Education Week and would direct the Department of Transportation, Office of Passenger Transportation to participate in the planning of events for that week under the auspices of the Maine Aeronautics Association.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-31) proposed to change the resolve to an Act designating the 3rd week in April as Maine Aviation and Aerospace Education Week. (Not adopted)