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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Utilities and Energy*

July 2003

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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 Utilities and Energy

LD 1188

An Act To Control Unsolicited Commercial E-mail

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHOREY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1188 proposed to prohibit certain forms of computer trespass such as using a computer or computer network without authority and with the intent to disable or damage computer software, data, or programs; to make an unauthorized copy of computer software, data or programs; to falsify e-mail transmission information in connection with unsolicited bulk e-mail; or to possess with the intent to distribute software designed to facilitate the falsification of e-mail transmission information. The bill proposed to address matters addressed in current law (17-A MRSA ch. 18) and by LD 255 (see summary of that bill).

LD 1201

An Act To Require the Owner or Operator of a Casino To Improve or Replace Utilities and Infrastructure in the Vicinity of the Casino **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COLLINS WESTON		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1201 proposes to provide that an owner or operator of a facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted is responsible for the costs to improve or replace utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewer and electrical service, and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, roads, intersections and highway exits, located within a 25-mile radius of the facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted. The decision whether to make such improvements or refinements would be made by the municipality in which the utilities or infrastructure was located.

LD 1212

An Act To Create the Bayside Utilities District

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ASH HATCH PH		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1212 proposed to create the Bayside Utilities District and allow the Northport Village Corporation to convey its water-related and sewer-related assets to the Bayside Utilities District.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2003, chapter 9, if approved by local referendum, creates the Bayside Utilities District and allows the Northport Village Corporation to convey its water-related and sewer-related assets to the Bayside Utilities District.