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Bill Summaries

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on
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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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:

- CARRIED OVER Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

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LD 180 **An Act To Appropriate State Funds To Protect Potato Farmland in Aroostook County from Blight and Other Diseases That Could Occur with the 2004 Crop Unless Cull Potatoes Are Dumped Properly** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS MARTIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-206

LD 180 proposed to appropriate state funds to protect potato farmland in Aroostook County from blight and other diseases by disposing of cull potatoes properly.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-206) proposed to reduce the appropriation of state funds to protect potato farmland in Aroostook County from blight and other diseases by disposing of cull potatoes properly and also proposed to eliminate the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 198 **An Act To Enhance the Role of the Fogler Library as the Research Library for the State of Maine** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN SCHNEIDER		

LD 198 proposed to include a General Fund appropriation to the University of Maine System's Fogler Library to develop and support a digital library.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 199 **An Act To Support and Expand Regional Teacher Development Centers** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NORTON TURNER	OTP-AM	H-205

LD 199 proposed to provide additional ongoing funds to support and expand the University of Maine System's Regional Teacher Development Centers.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-205) proposed to reduce the increase in funding to support and expand the University of Maine System's Regional Teacher Development Centers from \$1,000,000 to \$100,000.

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This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 206 **An Act To Transfer Funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund** **ONTP**

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

LD 206 proposed to require the transfer of \$4,700,000 from the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund no later than October 31, 2005 to assure gubernatorial and legislative candidates in the 2006 elections that there would be sufficient funding for the Maine Clean Election Act.

LD 228 **An Act To Provide Funding for the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE DUGAY		OTP		

LD 228 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation to the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 248 **An Act To Provide Funding for Dues for the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FINCH GAGNON		OTP		

LD 248 proposed to provide ongoing funds for dues associated with the International Northeast Biotechnology Corridor as agreed upon at the September 2003 Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.