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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

August 2005

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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 803

Resolve, Directing the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands To Study the Management and Fee Structure of Scarborough Beach State Park

**RESOLVE 20
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CURLEY BARTLETT | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-167 |

LD 803 proposed allowing the use of Maine State Park Passes issued by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to gain admission to Scarborough Beach State Park.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-167) proposed replacing the bill with a resolve. The resolve proposed requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to study the management of Scarborough Beach State Park.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 20 directs the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to convene a study committee to study the management of Scarborough Beach State Park and report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 2, 2006. Resolve 2005, chapter 20 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 13, 2005.

LD 813

An Act To Make Technical Changes in Laws Relating to Conservation

PUBLIC 133

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PINEAU | OTP-AM | H-200 |

LD 813 proposed several amendments to the laws relating to conservation. It proposed repealing obsolete language and redundant provisions. It also proposed making falsification of information on a timber harvesting notification equivalent to forgery.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-200) proposed removing that section of the bill that proposed making false information on a timber harvesting notification equivalent to forgery.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 133 repeals obsolete language regarding the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry's natural resource educator and the bureau's tree nursery. It repeals a redundant provision and amends statutory provisions regarding the Bureau of Forestry's collection of information on log imports and exports. It repeals provisions for the Bureau of Forestry's to collect information on mill-delivered prices.