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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 873

An Act To Give 2 Moose Hunting Permits to Hunt of a Lifetime

PUBLIC 143

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JACKSON MARTIN	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-226
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LD 873 proposed to direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue 2 moose hunting permits to a nonprofit group, such as Hunt of a Lifetime, dedicated to providing hunting and fishing experiences to children under 21 years of age with life-threatening, critical or terminal illnesses.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-226) proposed to give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the discretion to issue no more than 2 moose permits annually to a nonprofit group, such as Hunt of a Lifetime, dedicated to providing hunting and fishing experiences to children under 21 years of age with life-threatening, critical or terminal illnesses. It would also provide that the nonprofit group must apply for the permit in writing and would exempt a recipient from the requirement that a person be 10 years of age or older to obtain a hunting license.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 143 gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the discretion to issue no more than 2 moose permits annually to a nonprofit group, such as Hunt of a Lifetime, dedicated to providing hunting and fishing experiences to children under 21 years of age with life-threatening or terminal illnesses. It provides that the nonprofit group must apply for the permit in writing and exempts a recipient from the requirement that a person be 10 years of age or older to obtain a hunting license.

LD 917

An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday for Resident Landowners

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FITTS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 917 proposed to allow resident landowners to hunt on Sunday on their own land if they owned 20 or more acres and the land was open to hunting by the public.

LD 923

Resolve, To Begin and End the Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season One Week Earlier

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> VAUGHAN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 923 proposed to direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to begin the fall wild turkey hunting season one week earlier and to end it one week earlier than was currently scheduled, so that the season tied in with the long Columbus Day weekend.