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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources*

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 Natural Resources

LD 1091 **An Act To Provide Adequate Funding for the Enforcement of Environmental Laws** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LERMAN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1091 proposed to require all fines for criminal and civil violations of laws administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, including fines paid as a result of an administrative consent agreement, be paid to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to be applied to the expenses of enforcement incurred by the department.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-143), the minority report, proposed to incorporate a fiscal note. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1097 **Resolve, To Discourage After-the-fact Department of Environmental Protection Applications** **ONTP**

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

LD 1097 proposed to direct the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a fee schedule that establishes or increases penalties to discourage late filings. (See LD 1588.)

LD 1100 **An Act To Set Emission Limits for Certain Architectural Coatings** **PUBLIC 181**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-169 H-270 DAIGLE

LD 1100 proposed to establish limits on the amount of volatile organic compounds that may be contained in architectural or industrial maintenance coatings sold, manufactured or used in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-168), the majority report, proposed to delete from the bill limits on the amount of volatile organic compounds that may be contained in sanding sealers, exterior wood primers and floor coatings. This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-169), the minority report, proposed to delete from the bill limits on the amount of volatile organic compounds that may be contained in varnishes, sanding sealers, exterior wood primers and floor coatings.