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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 851 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Railroads Carried Over
To Reduce the Cost of Shipping to Maine Businesses, Attract Tourists to
Maine and Facilitate the Development of Commuter Rail
Transportation To Reduce the Use of Oil in Maine

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to provide funds for railroad reconstruction and expansion that the business sector considers vital to the shipment of goods and the ability of the business community to compete. It requires that the Department of Transportation consult with the business and economic development sector to develop a list of priorities in regard to railroad construction and reconstruction projects focusing on projects important to tourism and projects with greatest visibility for increased commuter and passenger rail service and taking into consideration the extent that proposed projects reduce the consumption of oil.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 852 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine's Carried Over
Natural Resource-based Economy

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

The funds provided in this bond issue are to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future program with \$36,000,000 to continue Maine's land conservation efforts, leveraging a minimum of \$36,000,000 in required matching funds. It provides \$12,000,000 for natural resource industry based infrastructure improvements and enhancements related to natural resource industry and to provide capital for state park maintenance and improvements. It also gives land conservation projects that protect and enhance deer wintering habitat preference and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation to pursue projects that protect and conserve deer wintering habitat.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 853 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Establish the Maine State Endowment Trust

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to establish the Maine State Endowment Trust for the purpose of providing funds to support the public mission of State Government.