

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

## Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture

**LD 56**      **Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to Establish Accurate and Verifiable Standards of Measurement for Fuel Wood**      **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TRACY	ONTP	

### SUMMARY

This resolve would have required the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish standards of measurement for fuel wood and to devise a program for training and testing persons who measure fuel wood. This resolve proposed that the Department present any necessary implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature.

**LD 89**      **An Act Authorizing Certified Breeders of Domestic Animals to Administer Rabies Vaccinations**      **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDS LORD TARDY TITCOMB	LV/WD	

### SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed certified breeders to administer rabies shots to domestic animals. The bill would have required the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish qualifications for certified breeders and maintain a registry of certified breeders.

**LD 97**      **An Act to Promote Cranberry Cultivation in Maine**      **PUBLIC 214  
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARROLL J LOOK DUFFY	OTP-AM      MAJ OTP-AM      MIN	H-175      MAJ REP H-266      TARDY

### SUMMARY

The original bill would have exempted filling a freshwater wetland and construction of facilities in a freshwater wetland for the purpose of cranberry cultivation or cultivation of other wetland crops from the permitting process under natural resources protection law. The majority report, Committee Amendment "A" (H - 175), amended the bill to exempt only those cranberry cultivation projects certified by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The amendment established certification procedures and requirements. Certain classifications of wetlands were not eligible for certification under the proposed requirements. The department would have been afforded 45 days to review an application and issue certification if all requirements had been met.

The minority report, Committee Amendment "B" (H-176), differed from the majority report in that the Department of Environmental Protection would have been the agency directed to certify cranberry cultivation projects. Certification requirements and procedures were the same as in the majority report except that the department could have deferred action beyond the 45 day period when winter conditions prevented evaluation of the proposed site.