

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, 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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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The council is given power to contract and duties to cooperate with other agencies, keep books and records, prepare an annual report and receive outside funding. Both the board and the council may delegate the power to contract to the executive director.

The books and records of the council and board must be open to public inspection. The State Auditor is required to annually audit the books of both the council and board and to report the results to the council or board, respectively, and to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Treasurer of State and the Legislature.

Both the council and the board are required to keep any funds received in a nonlapsing, separate account.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-861) adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-1084) provides that, for fiscal year 1993-94 and fiscal year 1994-95, the salaries of the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council and the Maine Dairy Promotion Board may not exceed the salaries the employees would have received had the salaries been adjusted for shutdown and furlough days. The amendment also replaces the allocation section to reflect this change in salaries and to make corrections.

**LD 1963**      **Resolve, to Enhance the Development of Alternative Uses of  
Maine Agriculture and Forestry Products**

RESOLVE 63

**SPONSOR(S)**  
WHITCOMB

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-874

**SUMMARY**

This resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop plans to avail the State of federal grants to develop alternative uses of agricultural products. Under this resolve, the University of Maine and certain organized industry groups will have input in the development process.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-874) requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to identify existing and potential opportunities for alternative uses of Maine agricultural products and requires the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters as well as to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.