

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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**LD 626**

**An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses and to Develop a Resource Management Plan for the Lobster Industry**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DIPIETRO

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established a 2-year moratorium on the issuance of lobster and crab fishing licenses. Between April 1, 1995 and April 1, 1997, no lobster and crab fishing licenses could have been issued to any person who did not hold valid licenses on March 31, 1995. This bill also would have required that the Commissioner of Marine Resources develop a management plan for the protection of the lobster fishery. The bill would have required the plan be completed by January 1, 1997 and provide for continued access to the lobster fishery by those who hold valid lobster and crab fishing licenses on March 31, 1997. The plan would have had to have provided for limitations on the access of others to the lobster fishery.

**LD 635**

**Resolve, to Study the Use of Wooden and Wire Lobster Traps in Coastal Waters**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
ESTY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have established the 10-person Commission to Study the Use of Wooden and Wire Lobster Traps. The membership of the study group would have included manufacturers of wooden and wire lobster traps, a representative of the Department of Marine Resources, members of organized lobster associations throughout the State and others interested in the biological and economic issues associated with the use of wooden and wire lobster traps. The commission would have been required to report its findings to the Legislature by December 15, 1995.

**LD 654**

**An Act to Amend the Licensing Laws for Sea Urchin Harvesting**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TRIPP

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed a person holding a sea urchin license to fish in either Zone 1 or Zone 2 by repealing the provision in marine resource laws that limited those licenses to one zone.

**LD 661**

**An Act to Prohibit Dragging in a Portion of the St. Croix River**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DRISCOLL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the use of drags in that portion of the St. Croix River that lies between the Route 1 bridge over that river in Calais and the Robbinston fish factory in the Town of Robbinston.