

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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:

<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</b>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>FAILED ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<b>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<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 1186 An Act to Modify and Update Certain Laws Pertaining to the Importation and Possession of Wild Turkeys**

PUBLIC 213

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TUFTS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-257

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the importation, possession and release of wild turkeys, hybrid wild turkeys and wild turkey-domestic turkey crosses.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-257) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1237 An Act to Ensure Public Review and Legislative Oversight of Proposals Regarding the Introduction or Reintroduction of Threatened or Endangered Species**

PUBLIC 243

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JACQUES

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-288

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission to develop a recovery plan prior to the introduction or reintroduction of an endangered or threatened species in the State. The introduction or reintroduction of that species must be conducted in accordance with that recovery plan and may not begin until 90 days after the commissioner has conducted a public hearing on that plan and submitted a copy of that plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-288) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1238 An Act to Provide a \$35 Bounty on Coyotes**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
KEANE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established a statewide Coyote Award Program with an award of \$35 for each coyote killed during the period of time in which the program is operational.

**LD 1298 An Act to Change the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission**

PUBLIC 406

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BAILEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-607  
H-615 CLARK

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have abolished the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission and reassigned its responsibilities to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-607) replaces the bill. The amendment abolishes the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission and in its place establishes the Atlantic Salmon Authority. The Atlantic Salmon Authority is governed by an 8-member board consisting of 4 public members representing various geographical regions of the State, one member from the Passamaquoddy Tribe, one member from the Penobscot Nation, the