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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is March 1, 1996.

**LD 1592 An Act to Implement the Productivity Plan of the Department
of Marine Resources**

PUBLIC 507
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-670

LD 1592 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. The bill proposed to establish in statute the Aquarium and Resource Center at West Boothbay Harbor Fund. The Department of Marine Resources operates a small aquarium in conjunction with the marine resources research facility in West Boothbay Harbor. The aquarium is used in support of marine education programs for primary and secondary schools. The facility is also open to the general public during the summer and fall. This bill would have authorized the department to charge a fee, the revenues of which will be placed in a fund dedicated to supporting the facility and programs offered there. The fee would be charged to the general public and not to schools. These changes were part of the Department of Marine Resources "productivity plan," as presented to the Productivity Realization Task Force.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-670) adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 507 establishes the Aquarium and Resource Center at West Boothbay Harbor Fund. The Department of Marine Resources operates a small aquarium in conjunction with the marine resources research facility in West Boothbay Harbor. The aquarium is used in support of marine education programs for primary and secondary schools. The facility is also open to the general public during the summer and fall. The department is authorized to charge a fee, the revenues of which will be placed in a fund dedicated to supporting the facility and programs offered there. The fee will be set by the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources.

Chapter 507 was enacted as an emergency measure effective December 7, 1995.

**LD 1593 An Act to Implement the Productivity Plan of the Department
of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources Relating to the Animal
Welfare Board, the Maine Dairy Promotion Board and the Maine
Dairy and Nutrition Council**

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-843
S-527

LD 1593 was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session. See the discussion of this bill in the Second Regular Session bill summaries for that committee.