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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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JULY 1997

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FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS

Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997

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. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Regular 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 & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</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/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</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>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 127

**An Act to Prohibit Destruction of Any Artificial Structure within
Baxter State Park**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLARK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 127 proposed prohibiting the Baxter State Park Authority from destroying or removing any road, bridge or other artificial structure without approval of the Legislature.

LD 128

**An Act to Require Public Access to Any Public Lands Conveyed for
Inclusion in a National Park**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLARK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 128 proposed requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to ensure that public lands and public reserved lands conveyed to the Federal Government for inclusion in a national park be conveyed with a reserved right of public access for hunting, trapping and fishing and free vehicular access for noncommercial vehicles.

LD 160

**An Act to Fund Research Regarding the Reinstatement of a Meat
Inspection Program**

P & S 45

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY PIEH		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 160 proposed providing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources with a \$20,000 General Fund appropriation to research establishment of a state-operated meat inspection program and to initiate a pilot project.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 45 provides the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources with a \$20,000 General Fund appropriation to research establishment of a state-operated meat inspection program and to initiate a pilot project.