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ON  
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**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](http://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 &amp; 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&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 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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**LD 246****An Act to Restrict the Identification Tags Used on Lobster Traps to Consecutive Numbers****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRIPP	ONTP	

LD 246 proposed to prohibit any tag issued by the Commissioner of Marine Resources under the lobster trap tag system from containing the lobster and crab fishing license number, name or any other form of personal identification of the person who purchases the tag. It would have required tags to be numbered and issued to individual lobster and crab fishing license holders in consecutive order.

**LD 273****Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Report on the Status of Discussions with the Passamaquoddy Tribe****RESOLVE 11  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN	OTP-AM	H-33

LD 273 proposed to require the Commissioner of Marine Resources meet with the Passamaquoddy Tribe to attempt to work out an agreement regarding the tribe's aboriginal fishing rights in coastal waters.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-33)** proposed to replace the resolve. It proposed to require the Commissioner of Marine Resources, or the commissioner's designee, report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by May 1, 1997 on the status of ongoing discussions between representatives of the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and of the State of Maine concerning the taking of marine resources by members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, including any proposed amendments to the laws administered by the Department of Marine Resources.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1997, chapter 11 requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources, or the commissioner's designee, to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by May 1, 1997 on the status of ongoing discussions between representatives of the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and of the State of Maine concerning the taking of marine resources by members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, including any proposed amendments to the laws administered by the Department of Marine Resources. The resolve is effective on March 28, 1997.