

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

JULY 1997

MEMBERS:

Sen. Marge L. Kilkelly, Chair

Sen. Judy Paradis

Sen. R. Leo Kieffer

Rep. George H. Bunker, Chair

Rep. Roland B. Samson

Rep. David C. Shiah

Rep. Paul Volenik

Rep. John L. Baker

Rep. Linda Rogers McKee

Rep. Ruel P. Cross

Rep. Edward L. Dexter

Rep. Walter R. Gooley

Rep. Priscilla Lane

Staff:

Jill Ippoliti, Legislative Analyst

*Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Room 101/107/135, 13 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
(207)287-1670*



Maine State Legislature
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

13 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0013
 Telephone: (207) 287-1670
 Fax: (207) 287-1275

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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.

David E. Boulter, Director
 Offices Located in the State House, Rooms 101/107/135

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 536 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Forestry to use the proceeds from the sale or lease of any bureau property, except for state forests and natural areas, to upgrade existing structures owned by the Division of Forest Fire Control, to consolidate operations of the division through the improvement, repair, replacement, purchase or construction of structures and to purchase land upon which to build structures. It also requires that any land purchased and any structures purchased or constructed be held in the division's name. The exception is that the bureau may participate in joint efforts to consolidate a facility with other agencies provided that the Bureau of General Services has ownership of the property or structure. All purchases of land or structures must be approved by the Bureau of General Services, which has statewide oversight of state facilities.

This law also changes a reference to the committee to which the Director of the Bureau of Forestry must report before offering surplus property for sale. The reference is changed from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forest resources. It eliminates obsolete references to the sale of property at the state nursery and to the transfer of the low-level radioactive waste site on the state nursery property. These actions have already taken place.

LD 420

An Act to Improve the Reporting of General Use Pesticide Sales

PUBLIC 139

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY
BUNKER

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-96

LD 420 proposed shifting the reporting requirements for sales of general use pesticides from the dealers to the distributors.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-96) proposes a definition for "distributes" to eliminate possible double reporting.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 139 requires persons who distribute general use pesticides to licensed general use pesticide dealers to keep records of sales and report annually to the Board of Pesticides Control instead of requiring all licensed general use pesticide dealers to report. It defines "distribute" to eliminate possible double reporting and authorizes the Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt rules to further clarify who must report.

LD 429

An Act to Protect the Potato Industry from the Spread of Serious Disease

**PUBLIC 538
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
PARADIS
BUNKER

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-741 BUNKER
S-241