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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES 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 IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 366**An Act to Extend the Time Limits for Private Road Associations to Organize****ONTP**

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

LD 366 proposed to delay the application of a law that governs the repair of private roads. Current law requires that effective July 1, 1999, all residents of a private way may be required to pay for repairs made to the private road if a majority of the residents of the road agree to make those repairs. Public Laws of 1997, chapter 682 did not take effect until July 1, 1999, except for road associations incorporated as of March 1, 1998 that were authorized to utilize the process established under chapter 682.

LD 368**Resolve, Naming the Beach Next to the Lincolnville Ferry Terminal French Beach****RESOLVE 24**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY D	OTP-AM	H-293

LD 368 proposed to name the beach next to the Lincolnville Ferry Terminal “French Beach.” The French family, after whom the beach would be named, were early settlers of Lincolnville.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-293) proposed to add a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 24 names the beach next to the Lincolnville Ferry Terminal “French Beach.”

LD 383**An Act to Require Legislative Approval to Lease Land to the Federal Government****NOT PROPERLY BEFORE BODY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARR MICHAUD	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 383 proposed to require the Legislature’s approval by a two-thirds majority to leasing of public land to the Federal Government, which now requires only the consent of the Governor and the Commissioner of Conservation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-35), which was not adopted, proposed to clarify the bill by stating that the Legislature must approve the leasing of designated lands to the Federal Government by a two-thirds vote. Following a majority committee report of ought to pass as amended, the bill was ruled not properly before the body by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.