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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 477**An Act Requiring Legislative Approval of Ecological Reserves****CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| KILKELLY DUNLAP | | |

LD 477 proposes requiring approval of the Legislature for creation of an ecological reserve on land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 478**An Act to Establish a Maine Agriculture Market and Production Development Program****INDEF PP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| KILKELLY PIEH | OTP | |

LD 478 proposed appropriating \$500,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the implementation of a marketing campaign for Maine agribusinesses. Implementation efforts were proposed to include development of database and information technology resources, research of new market opportunities, technical assistance, strategic planning assistance, development of media strategies and development of new trade opportunities. **Note:** The Supplemental Budget enacted as P. L. 1999, c. 401 appropriates \$250,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for increased effort in marketing Maine agribusiness. (See bill summary for LD 617 under Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee)

LD 538**Resolve, to Ensure Equity in Public Land Acquisitions****ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DOUGLASS COTE | ONTP | |

LD 538 proposed directing the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Bureau of Parks and Lands to develop a plan and revise acquisition criteria to ensure a more equitable distribution of public lands among rural and urban areas of the State and among the 16 counties.

LD 540**Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of Certain State Historic Site Property****RESOLVE 10**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SKOGLUND PINGREE | OTP-AM | H-22 |

LD 540 proposed authorizing the transfer of certain property associated with Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum, from the State to the Friends of Montpelier. The property includes a reproduction of the 1794 Montpelier