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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 852**Resolve, to Study Outdated, Contradictory and Unenforced Laws****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL CAREY		

LD 852, which was carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to require the Commissioner of Labor and the Commissioner of Human Services to conduct a study of outdated, contradictory and unenforced laws and report to the Legislature by January 15, 2000.

LD 859**An Act to Require the State Planning Office to Report to the Committee on State and Local Government and the Committee on Natural Resources****PUBLIC 415**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 859 proposed to require that the State Planning Office be directly responsible to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government instead of to the Governor. It proposed to change the appointment of the director of the State Planning Office to include consideration by the Committee on State and Local Government and confirmation by the Legislature. Under the provisions of this bill, reports by the State Planning Office would be presented annually to the Committee on State and Local Government and would include detailed information about money allocated to and spent by the office. This bill proposed to amend the scheduled date that the Committee on State and Local Government reviews the State Planning Office, moving the governmental evaluation review forward from the year 2005 to the year 2001.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-322), which was not adopted, was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The amendment proposed to amend the original bill by requiring that the Senate, rather than the entire Legislature, confirm the appointment of the Director of the State Planning Office. The amendment also proposed to retain the current requirement that the Governor fix the director's salary. It also proposed to remove a requirement from the original bill that the Director of the State Planning Office advise the Legislature on policy matters. The amendment also proposed to retain a requirement in current law that the director report annually to the Governor and to remove a requirement that the director report annually to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on allocations to an expenditures by the State Planning Office.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-323), which was not adopted, was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The amendment proposed to amend the original bill by removing a requirement from the original bill that the Governor's nominee for the Director of the State Planning Office be reviewed by the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and confirmed by the Legislature. It also proposed to remove a requirement that the Director of the State Planning Office advise the Legislature on policy matters. The amendment also proposed to retain a requirement in current law that the director report annually to the Governor and to remove a requirement that the director report annually on the agency's monetary allocations and expenditures to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over state and local government matters.

House Amendment "A" (H-496), which was not adopted, was presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading to correct a conflict created by Public Law 1999, chapter 127, Part C, section 14.