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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.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN CASSIDY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-89
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LD 912 proposed allowing the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands, once the bureau acquires title to a certain piece of property in Edmunds, to convey that property to the Dennys River Historical Society.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-89) proposed technical changes to the resolve providing a preamble and cross-references and clarifying that the property to be transferred to the Dennys River Historical Society is located in Edmunds. It also proposed providing that the property be conveyed to Edmunds if the township of Edmunds becomes incorporated as a town. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 11 allows the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands, once the bureau acquires title to a certain piece of property in Edmunds, to convey that property to the Dennys River Historical Society. It also provides that the property be conveyed to Edmunds if the township of Edmunds becomes incorporated as a town.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS G	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 931 proposed allowing a humane agent, animal control officer or animal shelter to authorize the immediate euthanasia of a dog that caused serious bodily injury to a child 12 years of age or younger or presents a danger to the public. This bill proposed that the owner of the dog pay all expenses incurred by the victim of the assault and the costs of the euthanasia.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KIEFFER KNEELAND	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-41
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LD 950 proposed consolidating administration of existing agricultural market and production development grant programs including the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund, technology transfer and special research projects program and the market research and development grant program. The bill proposed combining these programs into a comprehensive agricultural development grant program including elements of the individual grant programs. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-41) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. It proposed criteria for allocating grants. It proposed limiting the maximum amount of any single grant to \$30,000 and