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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE ....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE ....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT ....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MILLS	ONTP	

LD 952 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to:

1. Provide civil remedies for electronic mail providers against registered users who use the provider's equipment located in this State in violation of the provider's policy prohibiting or restricting the use of its service or equipment for the initiation of unsolicited electronic mail advertisements;

2. Provide civil remedies for electronic mail providers against any person who initiates an unsolicited electronic mail advertisement using the provider's equipment located in this State in violation of that provider's policy prohibiting or restricting the use of its equipment to deliver unsolicited electronic mail advertisements to its registered users;

3. Establish criminal penalties for a person who:

    A. Knowingly accesses and without permission alters, damages, deletes, destroys or otherwise uses any data, computer, computer system or computer network in order to:

        (1) Devise or execute any scheme or artifice to defraud, deceive or extort; or

        (2) Wrongfully control or obtain money, property or data;

    B. Knowingly accesses and without permission takes, copies or makes use of any data from a computer, computer system or computer network, or takes or copies any supporting documentation, whether existing or residing inside or outside a computer, computer system or computer network;

    C. Knowingly and without permission uses or causes to be used computer services;

    D. Knowingly accesses and without permission adds, alters, damages, deletes or destroys any data, computer software or computer programs that reside or exist inside or outside a computer, computer system or computer network;

    E. Knowingly and without permission disrupts or causes the disruption of computer services or denies or causes the denial of computer services to an authorized user of a computer, computer system or computer network;

    F. Knowingly and without permission provides or assists in providing a means of accessing a computer, computer system or computer network;

    G. Knowingly and without permission accesses or causes to be accessed any computer, computer system or computer network;

H. Knowingly introduces any computer contaminant into any computer, computer system or computer network; or

I. Knowingly and without permission uses the Internet domain name of another individual, corporation or entity in connection with the sending of one or more electronic mail messages, and thereby damages or causes damage to a computer, computer system or computer network.

LD 1094   **An Act to Promote Economic Development in Northern Maine**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
KNEELAND	ONTP	
PARADIS		

LD 1094 was carried over from the First Regular Session. It was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 and proposed to:

1. Improve the infrastructure;

2. Enhance existing businesses and encourage job growth;

3. Attract high-tech and high-wage jobs; and

4. Promote a stable economic environment through the review of current rules and regulations and taxes and make any necessary changes.

LD 1147   **An Act to Decriminalize Resource Protection Violations by Seafood Dealers**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
VOLENIK	ONTP	

LD 1147 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to establish the Board of Seafood Dealers to enforce violations, review complaints against seafood dealers and take disciplinary action.

LD 1176   **An Act to Amend the Real Estate Brokerage Laws Regarding Property Disclosure**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CIANCHETTE	ONTP	
DAGGETT		

LD 1176 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to exempt nonresidential property sales from the Maine Real Estate Commission rules on property disclosure.