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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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ON  
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**JULY 2000**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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](http://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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LD 1674

**An Act to Exempt from Certain Regulations Crabmeat That Does Not Cross State Lines**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>   | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PERKINS<br>KILKELLY | ONTP                    |                           |

LD 1674 exempts home-based crabmeat processors from any critical control point identification program administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to the United States Food and Drug Administration's seafood hazard analysis critical control point regulations as long as all the crabmeat processed by that person is sold for consumption in the State. The bill requires such crabmeat to be clearly labeled "Not for sale or consumption outside the State of Maine."

The bill also requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to reimburse all home-based crabmeat processors for fees paid to attend training and educational meetings on the United States Food and Drug Administration's seafood hazard analysis critical control point regulations.

**LD 1985**

**An Act to Require the Labeling of Irradiated Food Sold at Retail**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ETNIER            | ONTP MAJ<br>OTP MIN     |                           |

LD 1985 proposed prohibiting the knowing retail sale of irradiated food unless the food is labeled "irradiated food."

LD 2005

**Resolve, to Establish the Round Table to Study Economic and Labor Issues Relating to the Forest Products Industry**

**RESOLVE 124  
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| VOLENIK           | OTP-AM MAJ<br>ONTP MIN  | H-865<br>S-771 MICHAUD    |

LD 2005 proposed establishing the Maine Forest Policy Round Table Study Commission to address and study key forestry issues, including economic and labor issues, and to make recommendations for changes in the State's forestry policy.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-865)** proposed the majority report. It proposed replacing the original resolve and changing the name of the round table to the Round Table to Study Economic and Labor Issues Relating to the Forest Products Industry to more accurately reflect the focus of the study.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-771)** proposed changes to the committee amendment regarding the appointment of members to the round table and member compensation. It also proposed making the resolve emergency legislation.