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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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4. Requiring the foundation to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters rather than to the Legislature as a whole;
5. Requiring the Governor to call the first meeting of the foundation's directors and to appoint an acting chair;
6. Limiting General Funds for the foundation to its first full year of operation; and
7. Changing the fiscal year for the seed money appropriation section.

The amendment also added an appropriation.

LD 2176 **Resolve, to Require Certain Reports Concerning the Use of Automated Telephone Answering Equipment by State Government** **RESOLVE 90 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER	OTP-AM MAJ	S-488
MAYO	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 2176 proposed to require agencies and departments of State Government to have a live operator answer all incoming telephone calls to the agency or department during business hours, except for emergency hot lines and telephone lines that provide general information.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-488), was the majority report. It proposed to convert the original bill into an emergency resolve that would require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to make both preliminary and final reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters on the implementation of a new policy on the use of automated telephone answering equipment by state agencies. The amendment also proposed to grant authority to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters to report out a bill during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-489), which was not adopted, retained the original bill's requirement that agencies and departments of State Government have a live operator answer all incoming calls during business hours, except for emergency hot lines and telephone lines that provide general information. It also proposed to require the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to make both preliminary and final reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters on the implementation of a new policy on the use of automated telephone answering equipment by state agencies. The amendment also proposed to grant authority to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters to report out a bill during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 90 requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to make both preliminary and final reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters on the implementation of a new policy on the use of automated telephone answering equipment by state agencies. It also grants authority to the joint standing committee of the