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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>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'GARA SAVAGE C	OTP-AM	S-308

LD 2156 proposed to amend the laws on the construction of salt and sand storage facilities. It proposed to repeal the current state mandate that municipalities or counties with Priority 4 or Priority 5 sand-salt storage sites build a building. It proposed to provide for a reassessment of environmental priority levels of all sites, yet retain the current order of expected financial reimbursement for construction of a building. It proposed to require that state and private Priority 4 and 5 storage sites follow best management practices to prevent water pollution. This bill also proposed to require the Department of Environmental Protection to report on the remaining threats to groundwater and surface water due to storage of road salt and how to address those threats. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Transportation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-308) proposed that 20% of all funds approved by the Legislature after January 1, 1999 to reimburse municipalities for the construction of sand and salt storage facilities must be used to reimburse towns with Priority 4 projects that are completed before November 1, 1999. That requirement would remain in effect until all such Priority 4 projects are fully reimbursed. The remaining 80% of any funds approved by the Legislature would be used to reimburse towns having Priority 1, 2 or 3 projects, in that order of priority.

The amendment also proposed several technical changes to the bill and proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 387 requires that 20% of all funds approved by the Legislature after January 1, 1999 to reimburse municipalities for the construction of sand and salt storage facilities must be used to reimburse towns with Priority 4 projects that are completed before November 1, 1999. That requirement remains in effect until all such Priority 4 projects are fully reimbursed. The remaining 80% of any funds approved by the Legislature would be used to reimburse towns having Priority 1, 2 or 3 projects, in that order of priority.

LD 2171 Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Build a Truck Escape Ramp on Route 16 in Bingham CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCGLOCKLIN MILLS		

LD 2171 proposes to require the Department of Transportation to construct on Route 16 in Bingham a truck escape ramp to slow and stop away from the main stream of traffic those vehicles that are out of control due to a loss of braking ability.