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**STATE OF MAINE  
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ON  
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**JULY 2000**

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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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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE	OTP-AM	H-825

LD 2291 proposed adding representatives of the Maine Humanities Council, the Maine Historical Society and the Archives Advisory Board to the membership of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-825)** proposed to create the New Century Program Fund to be used to implement the Maine Communities in the New Century Program established last year for the purpose enhancing preservation of local cultural resources and proposed to designate the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council as the entity responsible for administering the fund on behalf of all state cultural agencies. The amendment also proposed adding a fiscal note, an allocation section, an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 573 adds representatives of the Maine Humanities Council, the Maine Historical Society and the Archives Advisory Board to the membership of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council. The law also creates the New Century Program Fund to be used to implement the Maine Communities in the New Century Program established last year to enhance preservation of local cultural resources. Finally, chapter 573 designates the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council as the entity responsible for administering the fund on behalf of all state cultural agencies.

Public Law 1999, chapter 573 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 22, 2000.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT GAGNON	ONTP	

LD 2299 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 that proposed to establish minimum air quality standards for schools. The bill was reported ONTP, and the committee sent a letter to the Maine Indoor Air Quality Council requesting that Sen. Daggett and Rep. Watson be added to its membership and that the council study and report to the Education Committee by December, 31, 2000 on whether specific air quality standards should be implemented in schools.