

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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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>
MURRAY	ONTP	

LD 2477 proposed to amend the definition of "oil terminal facilities" (currently defined to mean only those facilities that receive their petroleum products via waterborne sources) to include terminals that receive their products by pipeline.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TREAT SHIAH	OTP-AM	S-617 S-710 TREAT

LD 2496 proposed to modify certain laws relating to the decommissioning of the Maine Yankee Nuclear Facility. The bill proposed

1. To add vehicles leaving the Maine Yankee site to the list of equipment and materials subject to monitoring;
2. To clarify the definition of "monitoring";
3. To add contaminated construction and demolition debris to the definition of "special waste," material that is subject to particular scrutiny by the Department of Environmental Protection;
4. To require notice to a municipality that has a solid waste facility or solid waste disposal facility in its jurisdiction to which decommissioning waste is transferred; and
5. To set a cumulative risk level at the site once decommissioning is complete.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-617)** proposed to replace the bill. This amendment proposed

1. To provide that (similar to the original bill) the State Nuclear Safety Inspector be permitted to monitor vehicles or other means of transportation used to remove material from the site of a nuclear power facility, that acceptable monitoring activities by the inspector include taking radiological measurements, provided these are done according to certain standards, and that the facility licensee must provide split samples to the inspector;
2. To require that (as in the original bill) a municipality be notified if decommissioning waste is shipped to a recycling or other solid waste facility in the municipality;