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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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:

*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*  
*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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

LD 87

Resolve, to Create a Greenhouse Gas Registry

RESOLVE 3

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAIGLE MARTIN	OTP-AM	H-23

LD 87 proposed to direct the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules to create a voluntary registry of greenhouse gas emissions.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)** proposed to clarify that the greenhouse gas registry created by the Department of Environmental Protection must provide for the collection of data on reductions in greenhouse gas emissions as well as on the origin of those emissions and on production activity to allow tracking of future emission trends.

This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolve.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 3 directs the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt rules to create a voluntary registry of greenhouse gas emissions. The registry must provide for the collection of data on reductions in greenhouse gas emissions as well as on the origin of those emissions and on production activity to allow tracking of future emission trends.

**LD 131**

An Act to Extend and Amend the Requirement for Giving Prior Notice of Acquisitions of Solid Waste Businesses

**PUBLIC 42  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	OTP	

LD 131 proposed to amend the law requiring a person to give notice to the Office of the Attorney General at least 30 days before acquiring a solid waste or residue hauling business in the State. It proposed to make the notice requirement applicable only if the acquired business employed 5 or more employees. It also proposed to extend the repeal date of the requirement to 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 42 amends the law requiring a person to give notice to the Office of the Attorney General at least 30 days before acquiring a solid waste or residue hauling business in the State. It removes the 5-employee threshold for application of the notice requirement and extends the repeal date of the requirement to 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Chapter 42 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2001.