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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Transportation*

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 2001

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).

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 Transportation

LD 140

An Act to Require the Commissioner of Transportation to Accelerate Repairs that Improve Access Roads to Rural Areas of the State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BUNKER MICHAUD MH	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 140 proposed to require the Commissioner of Transportation to give priority to policies and plans that accelerate repairs to improve access to rural areas of the State.

LD 148

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Place Signs for Chamberlain Freedom Park on Existing Signposts on Interstates 95 and 395

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LEDWIN YOUNGBLOOD	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 148 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to erect signs identifying the location of the Chamberlain Freedom Park.

LD 155

Resolve, Requiring the State to Reimburse Towns for the Construction of Salt and Sand Storage Facilities

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RINES KILKELLY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 155 proposed to require the State to reimburse to municipalities, by December 31, 2001, the State's share of the costs of salt and sand storage facilities that were constructed by municipalities and approved by the Department of Transportation prior to January 1, 2001.

LD 167

An Act to Provide Funding for Route 1 Road Construction from Topsfield to Houlton

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHERMAN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 167 proposed to allocate \$10,000,000 from the Highway Fund in fiscal year 2001-02 for the reconstruction of Route 1 from Topsfield to Houlton.