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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
State and Local Government*

August 2001

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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).

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 State and Local Government

LD 169

**An Act to Ensure the Continuing Beauty and Accessibility of
Capitol Park**

PUBLIC 468

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'BRIEN J DAGGETT	OTP-AM	H-76

LD 169 proposed that any action taken with respect to Capitol Park must be consistent with the plan for Capitol Park developed by the Olmsted Brothers firm in 1920.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-76) proposed to amend the original bill by specifically referencing the 1990 update of the Olmsted Brothers' plan for Capitol Park that was developed by the Pressley firm. It is the 1990 revision that serves as the current guide to restoration of the park. This amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 468 provides that any action taken with respect to Capitol Park in Augusta must be consistent with the plan for Capitol Park developed by the Olmsted Brothers firm in 1920 as updated by the Pressley firm in 1990.

LD 184

An Act to Expand Contract Zoning Authority for Municipalities

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEIL PENDLETON	ONTP	

LD 184 proposed to enable municipalities to include as a condition and restriction of a contract zone a prohibition on converting the use or ownership of the contracted property to one that is exempt from property tax.

LD 207

**Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and
Financial Services to Purchase Land in Charleston, Maine**

RESOLVE 4

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P KASPRZAK	OTP-AM	S-18

LD 207 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to purchase a parcel of land approximately 4 acres in size, with the buildings located on the property, to increase the security buffer around the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility in Charleston.

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Committee Amendment "A" (S-18) proposed to amend the original resolve by limiting to \$90,000 the amount that the State may pay for land it is seeking authorization to purchase in the Town of Charleston. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 4 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to purchase a parcel of land approximately 4 acres in size, with the buildings located on the property, to increase the security buffer around the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility in Charleston. The law limits to \$90,000 the amount that the State may pay for land it will purchase in the Town of Charleston.

LD 236 **Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in 6 Parcels of Land, One with a Building, Held by the Department of Education and Located in the Unorganized Territories** **RESOLVE 14**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PENDLETON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-59
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LD 236 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell 6 parcels of land, one with a building, held by the Department of Education in the unorganized territories, but no longer used by the department. Three of the parcels are located in Oxford County, and single parcels are located in each of the following counties: Aroostook, Somerset and Washington.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-59) proposed to amend the resolve by including a public auction as one of the methods for leasing or selling the 6 parcels of land that are the subject of the resolve. It also proposed to make 2 minor technical changes to the original resolve and to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 14 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell 6 parcels of land, one with a building, held by the Department of Education in the unorganized territories, but no longer used by the department. Three of the parcels are located in Oxford County, and single parcels are located in each of the following counties: Aroostook, Somerset and Washington. The law also specifies that a public auction is one of the methods for leasing or selling the 6 parcels of land that are the subject of the resolve.

LD 241 **An Act to Change the Fiscal Year of Sagadahoc County** **PUBLIC 143**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PEAVEY SMALL		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-116
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