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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Business and Economic Development*

*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](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 Business and Economic Development

**LD 161**                      **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 11: Rules for the  
Maine Biomedical Research Program, a Major Substantive Rule of  
the Department of Economic and Community Development**                      **RESOLVE 2  
EMERGENCY**

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

LD 161 proposed to provide for legislative review of Chapter 11: Rules for the Maine Biomedical Research Program, a major substantive rule of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 2 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 11: Rules for the Maine Biomedical Research Program, a major substantive rule of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Resolve 2001, chapter 2 was passed as an emergency measure effective March 30, 2001.

**LD 248**                      **An Act to Promote Economic Development in Rural Maine**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOOLEY FERGUSON				

LD 248 was a concept draft that proposed to promote economic development in rural Maine. The Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development voted to carry over the bill to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 249**                      **An Act to Amend the Rule-making Process Regarding the State's  
Plumbing Code**                      **PUBLIC 215  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOBIN D TURNER		OTP-AM		H-222

LD 249 proposed to change the Plumbers' Examining Board's authority to adopt a state plumbing code by designating these rules as major substantive instead of routine technical rules.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-222)** proposed to designate the adoption of a new plumbing code as a major substantive rule that would need to receive the affirmative action of the Legislature before adoption and all subsequent technical changes to the plumbing code would be routine technical rules.