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*Bill Summaries  
Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources*

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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 Natural Resources

the Director of the State Planning Office to prepare an implementation plan, timetable and budget to accomplish the legislative goal of permanently dedicating those fees for tire pile abatement, remediation and cleanup while continuing to support the positions currently funded by those fees either through the General Fund or through some other revenue source. That plan must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 1, 2003. That committee is authorized to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

**LD 239**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Wetlands Use**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ASH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 239, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to amend the restrictions on use of land designated as "wetlands" in order to maximize the ability of property owners to use their land without significantly adversely affecting the environment.

**LD 290**

**An Act to Amend the Mercury Discharge Law**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLARK SAWYER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 290 proposed to extend the interim mercury discharge limits established by the Department of Environmental Protection from October 1, 2001 to October 1, 2003 and adjusted other dates to be consistent with this extension, including the date when the Department of Environmental Protection was to submit its recommendations for a new statewide criteria for mercury.

**LD 328**

**An Act to Lower the Sulfur Content of Gasoline Sold in the State**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NUTTING J COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 328 proposed to limit the sulfur level of gasoline sold in this State to 400 parts per million.