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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
State and Local Government*

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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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**.

David E. Boulter, Director
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Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 326

An Act to Eliminate the 3 Advisory Members of the Somerset County Budget Committee

PUBLIC 150

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-65
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LD 326 proposed to change the legislative membership of the Somerset County Budget Committee by eliminating from the budget committee the 3 advisory members and replacing them with one voting member.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-65) proposed to strike the text of the original bill. The amendment proposed to eliminate the 3 nonvoting legislative members from the Somerset County Budget Committee. It also proposed to repeal a requirement that the Somerset County legislative delegation select 3 of its members to serve as nonvoting members on the budget committee.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 150 eliminates the 3 nonvoting legislative members of the Somerset County Budget Committee. The law also repeals a requirement that the Somerset County legislative delegation select 3 of its members to serve as nonvoting members on the budget committee.

LD 343

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Marine Resources to Convey by Transfer and Easement to the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District the State's Interest in Certain Property on McKown Point in West Boothbay Harbor

**RESOLVE 7
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HONEY KILKELLY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-115 BAGLEY H-32
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LD 343 proposed to authorize the Department of Marine Resources to convey to the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District the department's sewerage facilities located on state property on McKown Point in Boothbay Harbor. The resolve proposed that the department negotiate the transfer to the Boothbay Harbor Sewer System ownership of the transport pipe and collector system from the point of tie-in at the state property line to the point at which the state trunk line ties into the sewer district's collector. The resolve also proposed that the department negotiate an easement for the right-of-way where the line is placed.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-32) added an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve. It also proposed to add a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-115) proposed to amend Committee Amendment "A" to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

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Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 7 authorizes the Department of Marine Resources to convey to the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District the department's sewerage facilities located on state property on McKown Point in Boothbay Harbor. The law authorizes the department to negotiate the transfer to the Boothbay Harbor Sewer System ownership of the transport pipe and collector system from the point of tie-in at the state property line to the point at which the state trunk line ties into the sewer district's collector. The law also authorizes the department to negotiate an easement for the right-of-way where the line is placed.

LD 352

An Act to Prohibit Personal Use of State Vehicles by State Employees

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G LEMONT	ONTP	

LD 352 proposed to prohibit state employees from using state-owned or state-leased vehicles for any personal business.

LD 369

An Act to Establish Maine Small Business Week

PUBLIC 36

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDOUGALL SAWYER	OTP-AM	H-30

LD 369 proposed to designate April 15th as Small Business Day to promote the State's small businesses and our free enterprise system.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-30) replaced the bill and proposed to establish the 3rd week in May, or any other week coinciding with the week designated Small Business Week at the national level, as Maine Small Business Week to promote the State's small businesses and the free enterprise system. It also proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 36 designates the 3rd week in May, or any other week coinciding with the week designated Small Business Week at the national level, as Maine Small Business Week to promote the State's small businesses and the free enterprise system.