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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 Natural Resources

LD 346

An Act to Provide Clarification on the Use of Impact Fees

PUBLIC 38

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 346 proposed to clarify that communities that are part of a school administrative district or other single or multicomunity school district may deposit the proceeds of school impact fees in a trust fund to be used to pay their proportionate share of anticipated school capital costs.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 38 clarifies that communities that are part of a school administrative district or other single or multicomunity school district may deposit the proceeds of school impact fees in a trust fund to be used to pay their proportionate share of anticipated school capital costs.

LD 374

An Act to Protect Maine Jobs and Natural Resources

ONTP

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

LD 374 proposed to amend the site location of development laws to place certain restrictions on companies developing a significant groundwater aquifer for the purpose of selling bottled water. The bill would have required that an employer who operated an existing public water system, primarily distributed bottled water, had employees in this State and developed a significant groundwater aquifer could not discriminate against its current employees when hiring for the newly developed facility. Under the proposed bill, the employer would have offered existing employees in good standing the opportunity to transfer to the same or a similar position, at the same or a similar wage, in the new facility.

LD 376

An Act Regulating the Transportation of Water

ONTP

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

LD 376 proposed to strengthen safeguards for the health, safety and welfare of persons living in the vicinity of naturally occurring water resources who rely on that water source and to ensure that any water intended for drinking use would not be transported in a manner that threatens the health, safety or welfare of any person. This bill removed the exception from the prohibition on transportation of water that applied solely to water that was used to supply water for bottling and sale.