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First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

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120th Legislature First Regular Session

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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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	Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	
	House & Senate disagree; bill died
	accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
FMFRGFNCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAG	E Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE	
FAILED MANDATE FNACTMENT	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY REFORE THE RODY	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEE DE	Rill Indefinitely Postnored
ONTP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND	
OTD ND/NT	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
DLC VVV	
DIDIIC VVV	Chapter # of enacted Public I au
DECOIVE VVV	Chapter # of finally passed Deschie
INGICNED	Chapter # of enacted Public LawChapter # of finally passed ResolveBill held by Governor
VETO CICTAINED	But neta by GovernorLegislature failed to override Governor's Veto
VEIU SUSIAINED	Legisiaiure jailea to overriae 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.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Hancock County electing their own district attorney in Prosecutorial District 7. LD 444 also proposed that the district attorneys for Districts 7 and 9 be residents of either Washington or Hancock counties.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-77) was the majority report of the committee. It proposed to add a mandate preamble, to insert an appropriation section and to add a fiscal note to the original bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-111) was presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading to correct an amending clause in the original bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-151) proposed to remove the mandate preamble and appropriation section from the committee amendment. It also proposed to add a new appropriation section and to provide that the provisions of the bill apply to elections beginning in calendar year 2002.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-85), which was identical to House Amendment "A," proposed to remove the mandate preamble and appropriation section from the committee amendment. It also proposed to add a new appropriation section and to provide that the provisions of the bill apply to elections beginning in calendar year 2002.

None of the amendments were adopted.

LD 446

An Act to Prohibit State Expenditures on International Treaties not Ratified by the United States Senate

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report		
SNOWE-MELLO	ONTP	MAJ	
DAVIS P	OTP-AM	MIN	

Amendments Adopted

LD 446 proposed to prohibit a state department or agency from expending or awarding funds to implement an international treaty that has not been ratified by the United States Senate and to define the term "implement."

LD 471 An Act to Provide a Local Option on Display of the United States and State Flags

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report		Amendments Adopted
BROOKS	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-145
LONGLEY	ONTP	MIN	

LD 471 proposed to amend the Uniform Flag Law to allow the Governor, the county commissioners, the governing body of a municipality and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to authorize the flying of the state flag at half-mast in those areas over which those entities have authority.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-145), which was the majority report, proposed to amend the original bill by adding the United States flag to the title and by striking the text of the original bill and replacing it with changes to