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*Bill Summaries*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**May 2002**

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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i> .....	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 506 requires the Bureau of General Services to furnish reports to the project unit school board and the State Board of Education concerning the services provided on school construction projects. It also requires the State Board of Education, the Bureau of General Services and the Department of Education to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by December 31, 2002 on the results of a survey to assess the level of satisfaction for school construction services provided by the Bureau of General Services.

**LD 535**

**Resolve, to Examine the Doctorate-level Educational Opportunities Available Through the University of Maine System**

**RESOLVE 77**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP NUTTING J	OTP-AM	H-813

LD 535 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to provide annual General Fund appropriations of \$600,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03 for the University of Maine to expand doctorate-level education opportunities.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-813)** proposed to change the title of the bill and strike and replace the bill with a resolve. The resolve proposed to direct the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to establish a review of doctorate-level educational opportunities provided through the University of Maine System and to provide a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2002. The resolve also proposed to authorize the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to implement the findings of the program review. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 77 directs the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to establish a review of doctorate-level educational opportunities provided through the University of Maine System and to provide a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2002. The resolve also authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature to implement the findings of the program review.