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Bill Summaries

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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 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.

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:

- 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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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LD 52 **An Act to Limit the Number of Chances a Person Has in the Moose Lottery** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 52 proposed to limit the number of chances a person had in the moose lottery to one chance for both residents and nonresidents.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-781), a minority report, proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 141 **Resolve, for a Multi-year Experimental Program to Test the Effectiveness of Stocking Smelt in Maine Waters** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP CARPENTER	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 141 proposed to establish a multi-year experimental program to test the effectiveness of stocking live smelt in the waters of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-786) proposed to add an appropriation and allocation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

LD 287 **An Act to Allow the Use of Cage Traps for Bear** **ONTP**

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

LD 287 proposed to allow the use of cage traps to trap bear.

LD 541 **An Act to Provide a New Opportunity in the Moose Lottery** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP KILKELLY	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 541 proposed to provide that the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife could trade one nonresident moose permit with the appropriate fish and wildlife officials in another state for a big game

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permit in that state. The out-of-state big game permit would be awarded to a resident of this State through a free lottery system.

LD 735 **An Act to Allow October Fishing** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP GAGNON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 735 proposed to allow October fishing in certain counties.

LD 761 **An Act Pertaining to Bear Hunting Permits** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP KILKELLY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 761 proposed to establish a new bear hunting permit that would be required for all bear hunters beginning in 2002. This bill would:

1. Make the black bear hunting permit equivalent to that of other big game species;
2. Eliminate a system that had allowed many hunters to take a bear without a permit; and
3. Establish a mechanism that could be used in the future to better distribute bear hunting pressure.

LD 1861 **An Act to Restrict the Use of Motors Greater than 10 Horsepower on Certain Ponds in Chain of Ponds Township in Franklin County** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOOLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1861 proposed to prohibit the operation of a watercraft equipped with a motor greater than 10 horsepower on Natanis Pond, Long Pond, Bag Pond or Lower Pond in Chain of Ponds Township.

LD 1895 **An Act to Clarify the Lines of Effort in a Search and Rescue Operation** **ONTP**

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