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State Of Maine 120th Legislature

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

August 2001

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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
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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 530 An Act to Preserve Public Access and Job Opportunities in the Maine Woods

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee	Report	Amendments Adopted
COWGER	ONTP	MAJ	
	OTP-AM	MIN	

LD 530 proposed creating the Maine Woods Act and establishing the Maine Woods Board as a public instrumentality of the State. The board's central duty would have been to support sustainable forestry and provide public access and recreational opportunities through the acquisition and maintenance of forest lands. The board would have had independent bonding authority to support the Maine Woods Fund, as established in this bill.

LD 609

An Act to Require that the Members of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission be Elected from the Counties They Represent **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DAVIS P	ONTP	
CLARK		

LD 609 proposed requiring that each member of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission be elected by the residents of the county that member would represent.

LD 610 An Act to Ensure Environmental Integrity, Forest Health and Rural Maine Jobs

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
NUTTING J	ONTP	

LD 610 proposed requiring that timber harvesting on certain lands owned by the State or lands with an interest held by the State be conducted by a certified master logger. This requirement would have applied to land managed by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands; land acquired with money from the Land for Maine's Future Fund; and land on which the State held a conservation easement.