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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
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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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 775

An Act to Establish a Primitive Firearms Season for Deer

ONTP

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

LD 775 proposed to establish an annual special primitive firearms hunting season on deer from the 6th Monday preceding Thanksgiving to the 5th Monday preceding Thanksgiving, one week prior to the open season on deer. The bill proposed to provide eligibility requirements for a primitive firearms license and establish a license fee schedule. The bill would not require hunters to wear hunter orange clothing during the special primitive firearms season.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-175), the minority report, proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 799

An Act to Amend the Authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Authorize Any-deer Hunting

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G	ONTP	
GAGNON		

LD 799 proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to authorize the taking of deer of either sex without an antlerless deer permit during the regular hunting season or special muzzle-loading hunting season for an area open to hunting demarcated by the commissioner.

LD 825

An Act to Require Free Access to Waters Stocked by the State

ONTP

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

LD 825 proposed to provide that fish or fish spawn raised by the State could not be introduced in any inland waters unless free access to the public was available whenever these waters were open to fishing pursuant to law.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-349), part of the minority report, proposed to prohibit the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from stocking with fish or fish eggs waters that the public did not have free access to or access to for a reasonable fee. The amendment also proposed to require that the department report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters regarding access to state-stocked waters and any fees charged for access to those waters. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.