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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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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 996

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Potato Board

PUBLIC 164

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND BELANGER	OTP-AM	S-78

LD 996 proposed amending the laws governing the Maine Potato Board. It proposed reducing the number of districts from 7 to 5 and requiring the board to appoint 2 members to the executive councils.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-78) proposed additional changes to the geographic areas of the districts. It proposed providing for the executive council members to continue to serve until elections are held for the newly created districts.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 164 amends the laws governing the Maine Potato Board. It reduces the number of geographic districts and assemblies from 7 to 5 and designates the towns and townships comprising each district. The geographic districts and assemblies provide an organizational structure for participation of potato growers, dealers and processors in the functions of the potato board. Chapter 164 requires the board to appoint 2 members to the executive councils.

LD 1013

An Act to Require Committee Approval for Certain Purchases
Proposed by the Land for Maine's Future Board

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHERMAN KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 1013 proposed requiring approval by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters for an acquisition by the Land for Maine's Future Board of land with an appraised value greater than \$250,000.

LD 1014

An Act to Require Legislative Approval of Certain Land Purchases
by the Land for Maine's Future Board

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHERMAN KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 1014 proposed requiring approval by the Legislature for an acquisition by the Land for Maine's Future Board of a parcel of land larger than 20,000 acres.