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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](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:

*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 1154**                      **An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security and to Increase the Viability of Maine's Farms and Improve Nutrition**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SNOWE-MELLO LEMONT	ONTP	

LD 1154 proposed directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Commissioner of Human Services to develop a program to issue coupons redeemable for fresh locally grown foods to low-income consumers. It proposed requiring the commissioners to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with recommendations for the program no later than January 15, 2002.

It proposed the establishment of a nutrition education fund for the development and distribution of educational materials to teach consumers about the nutritional value of and how to prepare locally produced foods and funding for demonstration projects to increase direct purchasing of fresh farm products by low-income consumers.

**LD 1164**                      **Resolve, Directing Responsible State Agencies to Secure Public Access to Class 2 Waters**                      **RESOLVE 51**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN DUNLAP	OTP-AM	S-248

LD 1164 proposed amending the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission laws to allow a boat launch to be constructed within the commission's jurisdiction without a permit if the launch was approved by another state agency and the commission determined that a boat launch was an allowed use within the subdistrict.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-71)** proposed the majority report. This amendment proposed language to clarify that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation would not be required to obtain a permit for a public boat launch on a Management Class 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7 lake within LURC jurisdiction. Notification requirements and project standards established in rule would need to be met. LD 1164 was recommitted to committee prior to acceptance of the majority report.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-248)** proposed replacing the original bill with a resolve directing the Department of Conservation to coordinate efforts of responsible state agencies to secure public access to Class 2 lakes in the State, as opportunities arise. Committee Amendment "B" was the unanimous report of the committee.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 51 directs the Department of Conservation to coordinate efforts of responsible state agencies to secure public access to Class 2 lakes in the State, as opportunities arise.