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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Business and Economic Development*

*August 2001*

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**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, 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 Business and Economic Development

**LD 1227**                      **An Act to Provide for the Disclosure of Company Information and Appointment of a Registered Agent in Maine by Persons or Business Entities Selling or Leasing Goods or Services via the Internet**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL MILLS	ONTP	

LD 1227 proposed to provide for the disclosure of company information and appointment of a registered agent in Maine by persons or business entities selling or leasing goods or services via the Internet.

**LD 1251**                      **An Act to Enhance the Observance of Veterans' Holidays**                      **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOUFFARD DOUGLASS	ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM    MIN	H-465

LD 1251 proposed to require stores having more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space and manufacturing facilities to close in observance of the holiday on Memorial Day, July 4th and Veterans' Day.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-465)**, which was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development, proposed to require stores having more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space and manufacturing facilities to be closed on Memorial Day. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. The amendment was adopted in the House, but the bill was referred to a Committee of Conference, the members of which were not able to reach agreement.

**LD 1262**                      **An Act to Properly Apply Jurisdiction of Chimney Regulation**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOWLES SHOREY		

LD 1262 proposed to remove the Oil and Solid Fuel Board from responsibility for chimney regulation in the State. It also proposed to clarify that the Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee is responsible for enforcing chimney regulation. The Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development voted to carry over the bill to the Second Regular Session.