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*Bill Summaries  
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Natural Resources*

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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 Natural Resources

**House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-563)** proposed to incorporate House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" with 2 exceptions. It eliminated the emergency preamble and emergency clause and it added a retroactivity section to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 359 amends the subdivision law. It amends the definition of subdivision. It also provides that a municipality may not enact an ordinance that expands the definition of subdivision except as provided in the law and it repeals this provision as of October 1, 2002. Chapter 359 also requires the State Planning Office to study the status of municipal subdivision ordinances and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources before December 15, 2001. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature based on that study. Chapter 359 applies retroactively to June 1, 2001.

**LD 1290**                      **An Act to Conform New Motor Vehicle Emission Standards to Federal Emission Standards Adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1290 proposed to amend emission standards for new motor vehicles to make Maine's standards consistent with the latest federal standards. It required the Board of Environmental Protection within the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt the same standards as the United States Environmental Protection Agency in its most recent rulemaking, the "Tier 2" standards.

**LD 1293**                      **An Act to Ban the Sale of Fever Thermometers that Contain Mercury**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BULL MARTIN	ONTP	

LD 1293 proposed to prohibit the sale or transfer of mercury fever thermometers.