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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 Legal and Veterans' Affairs

contributions are not considered income for the purposes of reporting. It also specified that the annual report required of lobbyists must include a separate listing of legislative actions for the past calendar year.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 430 makes several technical changes to the laws governed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, deleting obsolete language and outdated references and correcting cross-references. It removes as one of the duties of the commission that it make findings of fact and opinion on the final determination of the results of commission investigations of violations of the campaign finance reporting laws. It specifies that alimony payments and recorded campaign contributions are not considered income for the purposes of reporting. It also specifies that the annual report required of lobbyists must include a separate listing of legislative actions for the past calendar year. Public Law 2001, chapter 430 amends the law regarding the publication and distribution of statements by political action committees to be consistent with Yes for Life Political Action Committee v. Webster.

LD 1351

An Act to Amend Provisions Governing Reports on Campaigns for Office in the Laws Administered by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

ONTP

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

LD 1351 proposed to amend the provisions governing reports on campaigns for office in the laws administered by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. The bill also proposed to define personal expenses. The bill would have clarified that contributions made by a husband and wife are separate contributions. The bill also proposed to set a limit of \$10 as an anonymous contribution that a candidate may accept. The bill would have prohibited the use of campaign contributions for personal expenses. The bill also proposed to provide that if the state party committee does not notify all county, district and municipal committees of reporting dates, it must pay 1/2 of the penalty for not reporting.

LD 1352

Resolve, Authorizing the Adjutant General to File a Finalized Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions with the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Located on the Mount Vernon Road in Augusta

RESOLVE 24

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOUGLASS BROOKS	OTP-AM	S-131

LD 1352, a resolve, proposed to authorize the Adjutant General to convey interest in land that was conveyed to the State to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-131) made technical changes to the resolve.