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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**  
**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:

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| <i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....                             | <i>Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session</i>                             |
| <i>CON RES XXX</i> .....                              | <i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>            |
| <i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....                | <i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>                      |
| <i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....                      | <i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>                                  |
| <i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....                      | <i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i> |
| <i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....                      | <i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>                         |
| <i>EMERGENCY</i> .....                                | <i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>                            |
| <i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> ..... | <i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>                                   |
| <i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....           | <i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>  |
| <i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....                 | <i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>                      |
| <i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....             | <i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>                 |
| <i>INDEF PP</i> .....                                 | <i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>   |
| <i>ONTP</i> .....                                     | <i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>                                       |
| <i>OTP ND</i> .....                                   | <i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>                             |
| <i>OTP ND/NT</i> .....                                | <i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>                   |
| <i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....                              | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>                          |
| <i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....                               | <i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>   |
| <i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....                              | <i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>                                     |
| <i>UNSIGNED</i> .....                                 | <i>Bill held by Governor</i>   |
| <i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....                           | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>                          |

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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records including the names and addresses of persons growing its genetically engineered products in Maine for at least 2 years after the date of sale. Failure to comply with these provisions is a civil violation with a fine of up to \$1,500. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources may suspend or revoke a seed labeler license if the license holder fails to comply with the provisions regarding instructions and record keeping. A manufacturer or seed dealer is not required to keep records on seed packets of less than one pound sold at the retail level.

**LD 1269**                      **An Act to Provide for Maintenance of State-owned Land and Facilities**                      **ONTP**

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|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>SAVAGE W |  | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP |  | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1269 proposed requiring that 20% of the proceeds from the sale of bonds for and public contributions to the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund be transferred to a stewardship account. Money from the stewardship account would be distributed to state agencies that managed, maintained and developed land for public recreation opportunities to be used for improving and maintaining state-owned land and facilities.

**LD 1371**                      **An Act to Establish the Dairy Industry Fund**                      **PUBLIC 8 EMERGENCY**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>WESTON<br>KILKELLY |  | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP-AM |  | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>H-39 |
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LD 1371 proposed establishing the Maine Dairy Industry Fund under the auspices of the Maine Milk Commission, within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to be distributed, according to allocations made by the Legislature, to a statewide association representing dairy farmers. It proposed a fee of 1¢ per hundredweight paid by Maine milk producers to dealers as part of the dealer's monthly reports as a means of funding.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)** proposed clarifying that a dealer would deduct the 1¢ per hundredweight for deposit into the Dairy Industry Fund from the amount paid to a Maine milk producer.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 8 establishes the Dairy Industry Fund under the auspices of the Maine Milk Commission, within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to be distributed, according to allocations made by the Legislature, to a statewide association representing dairy farmers. A fee of 1¢ per hundredweight is deducted from the amount paid to a Maine milk producer and deposited into the fund by the milk dealer.

Public Law 2001, chapter 8 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 2001.

**LD 1379**                      **An Act to Define “Agriculture” in the Laws Establishing the**                      **ONTP**