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Bill Summaries

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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
ONT P.....	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

LD 1404

Resolve, to Create a Stakeholders Group to Modernize Maine's Clean Air Policy

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAIGLE	OTP-AM	H-301
MARTIN		H-425 COWGER

LD 1404 proposed to establish a stakeholders study group to study and recommend changes to Maine's clean air laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-301) proposed to direct the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to convene the Air Quality Advisory Committee. Membership on the committee would have included representatives of various interests, including Legislative members. The duties of the committee included considering possible future air control strategies, agreements for control strategies with 3rd-party groups, acid and heavy metal deposition, emissions trading and toxic air emissions issues. The committee would have been staffed by the Department of Environmental Protection and would have submitted a report of its findings and recommendations, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than November 15, 2001. The amendment also added an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-425) proposed to correct an internal reference to the Air Quality Advisory Committee.

LD 1408

An Act to Pay for Cleanup of Contamination at a Waste Oil Disposal Site in Plymouth

**PUBLIC 356
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY	OTP-AM	H-496
MARTIN		

LD 1408 proposed to amend State law to address the liability of persons who sent waste oil and other hazardous matter to a handling facility in Plymouth. The bill proposed to provide grants and loans for all response costs at the Plymouth waste oil site. Under the proposal, responsible parties would have been eligible for grants of up to \$75,000 if they employed 50 or fewer people or had annual gross sales of \$5,000,000 or less. State agencies, municipalities and school districts that are responsible parties at the site would have been eligible for grants and loans. The expanded grant and loan program was expected to cost the State about \$7,500,000. Revenues would have been obtained from unused money previously transferred to the fund from the Maine Rainy Day Fund and the Underground Oil Storage Tank Replacement Fund and from an additional one-time transfer of \$4,300,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-496) proposed to amend state law to address the past cost settlement, remedial study costs and time-critical removal action costs of persons who sent waste oil and other hazardous matter to a handling facility in Plymouth. It authorized the Finance Authority of Maine, or "FAME," to use money in the Waste Oil Clean-up Fund for loans for remedial study costs, past settlement costs and time-critical removal action costs associated with the Plymouth waste oil site. It amended the loan eligibility criteria. It specified that loans