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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](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 Labor

**LD 1461**                      **An Act to Revise the Health Insurance Benefits Available to Retired Legislators**                      **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUCK GAGNON	OTP	S-196 EDMONDS

LD 1461 proposed to provide that if a Legislator covered by the state-paid group health insurance plan terminated legislative service with at least 8 years of creditable service in the Maine Legislative Retirement System but did not retire at that time, the Legislator could elected to continue coverage under the group plan by paying the premium until retiring. Whether or not the Legislator exercised the option, that Legislator could elect at retirement to rejoin the group plan and to have the State pay the health insurance premiums.

**LD 1465**                      **An Act to Provide a Death Benefit to the Survivors of a Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter or Emergency Medical Services Person Killed in the Line of Duty**                      **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ANDREWS SMALL	OTP-AM	H-384

LD 1465 proposed to grant a \$50,000 death benefit to the survivors of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-384)** proposed to grant the death benefit to the survivors of emergency medical services persons killed in the line of duty as well as to survivors of law enforcement officers and firefighters. The amendment also proposed to pay the benefit from the State Contingent Account. The substance of LD 1465, as amended by Committee Amendment "A", was included as Part CCCCC of the "Part II" budget bill, Public Law 2001, chapter 439. The benefit would be paid from the Maine Rainy Day Fund rather than from the State Contingent Account as proposed in the committee amendment.

**LD 1466**                      **Resolve, to Study the Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families**                      **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NORBERT EDMONDS	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	H-245

LD 1466 proposed to establish a study commission to study the benefits and costs of providing family and medical leave benefits to families in the State. This Resolve was replaced by a Joint Order, HP1386, which is summarized at the end of this document.