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Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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 Ch	Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session hapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses	
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died	
DIED BETWEEN BODIES		
DIED IN CONCURRENCE		
	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 REFORE THE BODY	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers: hill died	
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed	
ONTP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed Ought Not To Pass report accepted	
<i>OTP ND</i>	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft	
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	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*.

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1505 An Act to Streamline the Administration of the Potato Marketing PUBLIC 125 Improvement Fund EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
KNEELAND	OTP-AM	H-152 MAYO
LUNDEEN		S-50

LD 1505 proposed establishing the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund Operating Account and specifying that the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources administers the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund.

Committee Amendment ''A'' (S-50) proposed adding an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill and an effective date of July 1, 2001.

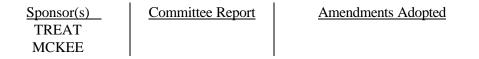
House Amendment "A" (H-152) proposed technical corrections to the section providing funds to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to clarify that the funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 125 streamlines the administration of the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund. It establishes the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund Operating Account and specifies that the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources administer the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund.

Public Law 2001, chapter 125 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 9, 2001.

LD 1516An Act to Support Family FarmsCARRIED OVER



LD 1516 proposes appropriating funds to establish an additional Senior Planner position within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. This position would provide financial and estate planning for farmers, outreach and assistance concerning land management and planning and research relating to farmland values.