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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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

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
PASSED	Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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a board of trustees and empower the authority to employ technical experts and agents and to lease, sell or transfer accepted federal property or interests in accepted property to eligible entities. The amendment proposed to authorize the authority to apply for and to accept grants to support the activities of the authority. The amendment also proposed to require the authority to submit an annual report. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-964), which was adopted, proposed to specify that the rules adopted by the Washington County Development Authority would be routine technical rules.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 568 creates the Washington County Development Authority for the purposes of accepting from the Federal Government and disposing of the real or personal property located within the geographical boundaries of the naval communications unit in the Town of Cutler or any other decommissioned federal military facility located in Washington County. The law establishes the authority as a public municipal corporation, creates a board of trustees and empowers the authority to employ technical experts and agents and to lease, sell or transfer accepted federal property or interests in accepted property to eligible entities. The law authorizes the authority to apply for and accept grants to support the activities of the authority. It also requires the authority to submit an annual report.

LD 1731 **An Act to Require Registration of Building Contractors** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER TREAT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1731 proposed to require construction contractors who build or repair buildings and whose contracts with any consumer exceed \$4,500 to be registered with the State.

LD 1749 **Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Review Internet Policy** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1749 proposed to establish the Commission to Review Internet Policy. Under the proposed bill, the 11-member commission would have been charged with studying issues related to the commercial uses of information on the Internet.