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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

May 2002

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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:

<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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1534 **An Act to Prohibit Grocery Stores From Charging Maine Farmers Access Fees, Slotting Fees and Rebates** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J MCKEE	ONTP	

LD 1534 proposed excluding certain businesses from participating in the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) program. A storeowner would have been ineligible for reimbursement under BETR if the store grossed over \$200,000 per month in which at least 75% of the sales were grocery staples unless the business purchased produce from at least 75 farms in the State each year. The store would also have been ineligible for tax reimbursement if the store owner charged Maine farms a fee to carry the farm's product.

LD 1771 **Resolve, to Establish the Maine Cattle Health Assurance Program** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 1771 proposed requiring the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop and implement the Maine Cattle Health Assurance Program. The bill specified certain components of the program including the development of best management practices to promote dairy and beef farm profitability, animal health and food product safety and environmental quality; an on-site assessment; and an annual inspection and certification for participants in the program. The bill also proposed establishing a nonlapsing fund to receive public and private funding for the program. It would have required the department to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Regional Dairy Quality Management Alliance for the purpose of obtaining expertise from other states in New England and the mid-Atlantic region.

LD 1839 **Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to Lease a Certain Parcel of Land to the Federal Aviation Administration** **RESOLVE 71**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARR NUTTING J	OTP	

LD 1839 proposed authorizing the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to lease 1/4 acre to the Federal Aviation Administration to continue to provide an outer marker light and compass locator elements for the airplane landing system for Northern Maine Regional Airport at Presque Isle.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 71 authorizes the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to lease 1/4 acre to the Federal Aviation Administration to continue to provide an outer marker light and compass locator elements for the airplane landing system for Northern Maine Regional Airport at Presque Isle.