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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*
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 Natural Resources

LD 1775

Resolve, to Create a Study Commission to Develop a Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and Expand Plastics Recycling

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-193
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LD 1775 proposed to create the Commission to Develop a Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and Expand Plastics Recycling to undertake an analysis of plastics generation by type and current method of disposal; study the feasibility of expanding the State's bottle deposit laws to include containers made of high density polyethylene, polyethylene-terephthalate or polyvinyl chloride; study the feasibility of banning the incineration of polyvinyl chloride and other plastics; recommend market-based recycling opportunities for plastics; and recommend incentives for expanded in-state end uses for plastics.

The bill proposed that the commission submit its report, together with any recommended implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters no later than December 1, 2002.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-193) changed the membership of the Commission to Develop a Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and Expand Plastics Recycling by replacing a member from the Maine Chamber of Commerce with a representative of the plastics industry and adding a representative of the Maine Resource Recovery Association and a representative of the Maine Municipal Association. The amendment also deleted the task of studying the feasibility of banning the incineration of polyvinyl chloride and other plastics and replaced it with the task of studying the feasibility of reducing the toxicity of waste, including the diversion of polyvinyl chloride from incineration.

LD 1812

An Act to Prevent Infestation of Invasive Aquatic Plants and to Control Other Invasive Species

**PUBLIC 434
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-694 CLARK H-696 COWGER H-700 MCKEE
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LD 1812 proposed to create a program to address threats posed to the inland waters of the State by invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species.

House Amendment "C" (H-694) proposed to require that the task force work with representatives from federal, state and local agencies and private environmental and commercial interests to form a northeastern regional panel to establish priorities and coordinate activities to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species in the Northeast.