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*State Of Maine
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

August 2001

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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1811

An Act to Permit the Salvage of Pulpwood

**PUBLIC 391
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD MH CLARK	OTP-AM	S-307

LD 1811 proposed allowing companies previously chartered by the Legislature to store wood over publicly owned submerged lands to salvage the pulpwood for use in a company-owned facility. Compensation to the State for the value of the pulpwood would be waived as long as the salvage operation resulted in substantial improvements to public trust rights.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-307) proposed clarifying that a person must provide the required documentation and plan to the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands and obtain any applicable permits prior to beginning a pulpwood salvage operation. It also proposed clarifying that a person who salvages pulpwood must comply with the approved plan and all permitting and legal requirements pertaining to the salvage.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 391 allows companies previously chartered by the Legislature to store wood over publicly owned submerged lands to salvage sunken pulpwood for use in a company-owned facility. Compensation to the State for the value of the pulpwood is waived as long as the salvage operation results in substantial improvements to public trust rights.

Public Law 2001, chapter 391 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2001.

LD 1823

**Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study Issues Concerning
Changes to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands,
Including Camp Lot Lease Arrangements and Public Enjoyment**

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JONES MICHAUD MH		H-695 JONES S-340 KILKELLY

LD 1823 proposed creating the Commission to Study Issues Concerning Changes to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands. This bill was not referred to a committee. LD 1823 was not enacted, however, a Joint Study Order established the Commission. See summary for H.P. 1391.