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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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The law also creates a 17-member Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species with the responsibility of advising the Land and Water Resources Council on various actions to control invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species and to recommend a state plan to address those threats. The Task Force is also directed to 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.

The law transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife a sufficient amount of money to fund program costs for the 2001 boating season, but requires that those departments reimburse the Maine Rainy Day Fund in full prior to the end of the 2001-02 fiscal year. Program costs for 2002 subsequent years and are funded entirely from revenues collected from the annual sale of lake and river protection stickers.

The law also directs the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 15, 2002, on the invasive aquatic plant education and inspection program conducted during the 2001 boating season and on plans for that program for 2002 and subsequent years. The law authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources to report out legislation on invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

LD 1813

An Act to Amend the Clean Car Incentives Pilot Program

PUBLIC 367

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP MAJ	
	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1813 is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources. It amends the Clean Car Incentives Pilot Program to allow money in the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund to be used to pay automobile scrappers up to \$350 for each high-pollution vehicle scrapped under the program. The term "automobile scrapper" is to be defined in rules adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection and may include, but it not limited to, an automobile graveyard, an automobile recycling business or a junkyard, as those terms are defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 3752. The bill also directs the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt emergency routine technical rules to define automobile scrappers and to establish the process for making payments to automobile scrappers.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-251) is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources. This amendment repeals the Clean Car Incentive Pilot Program enacted by the 119th Legislature as Public Laws of 1999, chapter 684.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 367 amends the Clean Car Incentives Pilot Program to allow money in the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund to be used to pay automobile scrappers up to \$350 for each high-pollution vehicle scrapped under the program. The term "automobile scrapper" is to be defined in rules adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection and may include, but it not limited to, an automobile graveyard, an automobile recycling business or a junkyard, as those terms are defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 3752.

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HP 878 **JOINT ORDER - Relative to the Task Force to Study the Costs and Design of a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program** **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

Joint Order, HP 878 proposed to establish the Task Force to Study the Costs and Design of a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program.

HP 1330 **JOINT STUDY ORDER – Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management** **PASSED**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

Joint Order, H.P. 1330 proposed to establish the Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management. The joint order directed the 13-member committee to study issues related to sprawl and growth management in Maine.

Senate Amendment “A” to H.P. 1330 (S-371) proposed to reduce the cost of the joint order by: reducing the membership of the study committee from 13 to 9 members; restricting the number of meetings of the committee to no more than 3; and specifying a committee budget of \$3,635.

Enacted law summary

H.P. 1330 establishes the Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management. The 9-member committee is directed to study issues related to sprawl and growth management in Maine and to report its findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.