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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 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.

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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Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

LD 1887

An Act to Permit Underground Storage Tanks in Low-risk Areas

ONTP

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

LD 1887 proposed to permit underground oil storage facilities within 75 feet of a private well when public water was available to replace the well and the facility installed monitoring devices around the facility, or when the facility owner agreed to pay for replacement or remediation of the well in the event of contamination by a release from the facility.

LD 1897

An Act to Facilitate the Closure of Privately Owned Solid Waste Landfills

**PUBLIC 575
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAWYER DAIGLE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-465

LD 1897 proposed to allow an owner or operator of a licensed solid waste disposal facility to use the financial assurance mechanisms allowed under federal law for closure and post-closure care and for corrective action for known releases.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-465) proposed to provide the Department of Environmental Protection with discretion to use more than one financial assurance mechanism to provide for the closure and postclosure care of privately owned landfills. It also allowed the department to substitute certain financial requirements for any of the financial assurance mechanisms allowed under the law.

The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 575 provides the Department of Environmental Protection with discretion to use more than one financial assurance mechanism to provide for the closure and postclosure care of privately owned landfills. It also allows the department to substitute certain financial requirements for any of the financial assurance mechanisms allowed under the law.

Public Law 2001, chapter 575 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 2002.