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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

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 Health and Human Services

**LD 1930**

**An Act to Ensure the Fair Collection of Overpayments**

**PUBLIC 551**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIMPSON LONGLEY	OTP-AM	H-884

LD 1930 proposed to prohibit the Department of Human Services from collecting overpayments accrued in public benefit programs from people who were minors in the household at the time that their parent or other caretaker received the overpayment.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-884)** proposed to replace the bill. This bill proposed to prohibit, to the extent permitted by federal law, the Department of Human Services from collecting overpayments accrued in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program and the food stamp program from people who were minors in the household at the time that their parent or other caretaker received the overpayment.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 551 prohibits the Department of Human Services, to the extent permitted by federal law, from collecting overpayments accrued in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program and the food stamp program from people who were minors in the household at the time that their parent or other caretaker received the overpayment.

**LD 1933**

**Resolve, Establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission to Address the Financing of Long-term Care**

**RESOLVE 114  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KANE MARTIN	OTP-AM	H-910 S-556 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 1933 proposed to establish a blue ribbon commission to investigate and analyze the future costs of providing long-term health care to elderly and disabled adults and recommend an integrated system of financing the projected costs of these services.

The commission would investigate all relevant questions bearing on this issue, including but not limited to the following:

1. Whether the financial risk associated with uncertain long-term health care costs should be shared through some type of public or private insurance system;
2. Whether individuals should be encouraged or required to begin saving for predictable long-term health care needs at earlier ages; and
3. Whether each generation of working adults should pay for the long-term care costs of their parents' and grandparents' generations.