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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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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

promoting individual choice. The commission will 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.

The Commission is required to submit its report, along with any recommended implementing legislation, to the Health and Human Services Committee no later than November 6, 2003.

Resolve 2001, chapter 114 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2002.

LD 1934

Resolve, to Provide Access to Personal Care Assistant Home Care Services

RESOLVE 94 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER LONGLEY	OTP-AM	H-997

LD 1934 proposed to require the Department of Human Services to amend immediately its rules regarding reimbursement for personal care assistant home care services by increasing the reimbursement rate for these services by \$1 per hour. The department also would be required to review its rules regarding the reimbursement structure for personal care assistant home care services, identify barriers to those services, revise rules as necessary to improve the delivery of those services and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by October 1, 2002.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-997) proposed to require review of the rules for reimbursement for personal care assistant services, identification of barriers and revision of rules to improve the delivery of those services. A report would be required by January 15, 2003.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 94 requires the Department of Human Services to review its rules regarding the reimbursement structure for personal care assistant home care services, identify barriers to those services, revise rules as necessary to improve the delivery of those services and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2003.

Resolve 2001, chapter 94 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2002.