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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 Natural Resources

1,000 gallons that burn only wood waste. This law also clarifies that the prohibition on backyard burning does not apply to packages that previously contained explosives that are being disposed of under the supervision of the State Fire Marshal.

13. It adds a provision prohibiting adding water to a well except by licensed well drillers and licensed bulk water transporters and for aquifer recharges conducted in accordance with existing rules of the Department of Environmental Protection. Exceptions to this prohibition are provided for monitoring wells, wells constructed exclusively for the relief of artesian pressure at hydroelectric projects, wells constructed for temporary dewatering purposes and wells constructed for the purposes of extracting oil, gas or brine.
14. It provides for a reduced period of time for notices of asbestos removal that are delivered to the Department of Environmental Protection in person and allows the department to further reduce the notification period if necessary to protect human health or the environment.

Public Law 2001, chapter 626 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 5, 2002.

LD 1974

Resolve, to Study the Design and Funding of a Household Hazardous Waste and Universal Waste Collection Program

RESOLVE 93

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER MARTIN	OTP-AM	H-913

LD 1974 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposed to establish a statewide household hazardous waste collection system and provide funding for the operating costs of this system.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-913) replaced the bill with a resolve. It proposed to direct the Department of Environmental Protection to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 15, 2003 on the feasibility and design of a funding mechanism for the operational costs of a statewide household hazardous waste and universal waste collection program. The amendment also proposed to allow the committee to report out legislation establishing and funding such a program to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature. It also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 93 directs the Department of Environmental Protection to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 15, 2003 on the feasibility and design of a funding mechanism for the operational costs of a statewide household hazardous waste and universal waste collection program. It also allows the committee to report out legislation establishing and funding such a program to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.