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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 State and Local Government

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 110 directs the State House and Capitol Park Commission to study and report to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature on the establishment of a memorial to the victims and heroes of the September 11, 2001 tragedy. In conducting the study, the commission shall focus on development of a living memorial consistent with the natural elements of the existing architectural plans for Capitol Park, such as plantings of vegetation or development or restoration of walkways.

LD 1993

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Washington County Emergency Medical Services Authority

**P & S 50
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN	OTP-AM MAJ OMTP MIN	H-792

LD 1993 proposed to make minor changes to the laws governing the Washington County Emergency Medical Services Authority to enhance the authority's ability to serve communities located in counties near Washington County.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-792) proposed to replace the bill and to add an emergency preamble and clause. It proposed to expand the service area of the Washington County Emergency Medical Services Authority, to add one member from the Passamaquoddy Tribe to the board of directors of the authority and to establish the appointing authority for that member. The amendment also proposed to allow appointing authorities to appoint alternate members to the board of directors and to authorize those alternate members to vote in the absence of the appointed member. The amendment also proposed to allow the board of directors to elect a treasurer who is not a member or alternate member of the authority. Finally, the amendment proposed to allow the approved cost-basis schedule to include either a surcharge or discount to certain member communities.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 50 expands the service area of the Washington County Emergency Medical Services Authority. It adds one member from the Passamaquoddy Tribe to the board of directors of the authority and establishes the appointing authority for that member. The Act also allows appointing authorities to appoint alternate members to the board of directors and authorizes those alternate members to vote in the absence of the appointed member. The law also allows the board of directors to elect a treasurer who is not a member or alternate member of the authority. Finally, it allows the approved cost-basis schedule to include either a surcharge or discount to certain member communities.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 50 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 28, 2002.