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*Bill Summaries*

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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 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](http://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:

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 State and Local Government

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-1030)** proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolve.

## *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 105 resulted from a committee bill from the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The resolve authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to purchase land in the Machias Industrial Park in Machias for the new Downeast Correctional Facility. The resolve is repealed 3 years from its effective date.

**LD 2177**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government Pursuant to Reviews Conducted under the State Government Evaluation Act**

**PUBLIC 597**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2177 proposed to implement the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government as a result of its review of agencies under the State Government Evaluation Act. The bill proposed to amend the scheduling guidelines for the committee's future reviews of State Government agencies.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 597 implements the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government as a result of its review of agencies under the State Government Evaluation Act. The bill amends the scheduling guidelines for the committee's future reviews of State Government agencies.

**LD 2193**

**An Act to Create the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability**

**PUBLIC 702**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
H-1039  
S-595 PENDLETON

LD 2193, which was a committee bill of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, proposed to establish both the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee and the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability for the purposes of providing legislative oversight of programs of State Government and to ensure the appropriate use of public funds. The bill, as proposed, described the duties of the committee and the office. It proposed to authorize the committee to hire a director to operate the office. It also described the duties and powers of the director and the office. The bill also described the manner in which program evaluations would be conducted by the office and the manner in which reports would be released to the committee and to the public. The bill also proposed to prohibit employees of the office from organizing or joining a union. This bill also proposed to include an appropriations and allocations section and a fiscal note.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-1039)** proposed to make the following changes to the bill.