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Bill Summaries

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on
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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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 2104

**Resolve, to Further Protect Endangered and Threatened Species
Through Better Communication**

RESOLVE 104

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BROOKS NUTTING J	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1018
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LD 2104 proposed to require landowners to include on any commercial harvesting activity maps provided to the Department of Conservation the location of any site in the harvesting area known to the landowner or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to currently or historically serve as the nesting site for a species listed in the Maine Revised Statutes as endangered or threatened.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1018), which was adopted, proposed to replace the bill with a resolve and require the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to evaluate the current systems of communication between the departments private landowners and foresters regarding the location of endangered and threatened species on private property. The departments would be required to report their findings and any proposed legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife by January 2, 2003. It also proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 104 requires the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to evaluate the current systems of communication between the departments, private landowners and foresters regarding the location of endangered and threatened species on private property. It directs the departments to report their findings and any proposed legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife by January 2, 2003

LD 2180

An Act to Provide Funding for Conservation Education

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN COLWELL	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2180 proposed to provide funds to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for youth conservation education programs by auctioning off 10 moose permits annually and ensuring that at least 1/2 of the proceeds from the auctions is returned to the department. The auctions would be conducted by a tax-exempt national organization that will use the remaining 1/2 of the proceeds to support a wide range of firearm-related, public-interest activities, including promoting firearms and hunting safety, enhancing the marksmanship skill of those participating in the shooting sports and educating the general public about firearms in their historic, technologic and artistic context.