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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business and Economic Development*

August 2001

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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 organized by committees 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:

CARRIED OVER..... *Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session*
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*
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-549), which was not adopted, proposed to replace the appropriation section and to add a fiscal note to the resolve.

House Amendment "A" (H-636), which was not adopted, proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the resolve and to change the date for when the first meeting would be convened.

LD 1827 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Study the Designation of Tourism Regions** **RESOLVE 59 EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted

LD 1827, which was a committee bill pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1301, proposed to direct the Department of Economic and Community Development to study the industry-designated tourism regions in the State to reflect the unique cultural attributes and economic needs of certain areas. The resolve proposed to require the department to consult with the tourism industry in conducting its study and to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development before December 31, 2001.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 59 directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to study the industry-designated tourism regions in the State to determine whether the regions reflect the unique cultural attributes and economic needs of certain areas. The department is required to consult with the tourism industry in conducting its study and to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development before December 31, 2001.

Resolve 2001, chapter 59 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 19, 2001.

SP 91 **JOINT ORDER - Relative to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development Studying the Potential Alternatives for State Financing of the Construction of Meeting and Convention Facilities** **ONTP**

Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted
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Joint Order S.P. 91 proposed to require the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development to study the potential alternatives for state financing of the construction of meeting and convention facilities. In studying this issue, the committee would have been required to consider the findings of the Maine Meetings and Convention Committee established by the Department of Community and Economic Development in 1999. Under

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the joint order the committee would have been required to report out a bill to implement its recommendations to the Senate by January 15, 2002.

HP 868 **JOINT ORDER - Relative to Establishing the Joint Select Committee to Study the Necessity for Legislation Requiring Public Access to Rest Rooms by Service Stations Owned by Large, Out-of-State Companies** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RICHARD		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Joint Order H.P. 868 proposed to establish the Joint Select Committee to Study the Necessity for Legislation Requiring Public Access to Rest Rooms by Service Stations Owned by Large, Out-of-state Companies. The 3-member committee would have been required to report its findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature by November 1, 2001.

HP 1389 **JOINT STUDY ORDER – Joint Study Committee to Study Reimbursement Rates for Maine's Bottle Redemption Businesses and Other Issues Related to the Handling and Collection of Returnable Containers** **PASSED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAXL		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Enacted law summary

HP 1389 established the Committee to Study Reimbursement Rates for Maine's Bottle Redemption Businesses and Other Issues Related to the Handling and Collection of Returnable Containers. This Joint Order is essentially identical to Committee Amendment "A" to LD 455, which was a resolve with a similar title. The 13-member committee established under this joint order was directed to examine a number of issues related to handling and collection of returnable containers, including: operational costs of redemption centers to determine whether or not an increase in the reimbursement rate for handling costs is warranted; the interrelationships among beverage producers, distributors and redemption centers concerning collection of returnable containers; and the nature and extent of fraudulent redemptions. Pursuant to the Joint Order, the study committee must report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development by December 5, 2001.