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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Utilities and Energy*

July 2003

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<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>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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

LD 1184

Resolve, To Encourage Use of Alternative Energy Sources

RESOLVE 50

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1184 proposed to direct the Energy Resources Council to study the State's policy options to allow 5% of the State's vehicle and heating fuel needs to be met from renewable sources by the end of 2010 and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 1, 2004.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-132), which was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy, proposed to replace the resolve. This amendment proposed to direct the Energy Resources Council, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to undertake a study of alternative transportation and heating fuels, alternatively fueled vehicles and biofuels and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters with interim findings and recommendations by January 31, 2004 and with final recommendations by January 31, 2005. The reports must recommend production and usage goals for alternative transportation fuels and biofuels and recommend strategies for achieving those goals.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter directs the Energy Resources Council, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to undertake a study of alternative transportation and heating fuels, alternatively fueled vehicles and biofuels and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters with interim findings and recommendations by January 31, 2004 and with final recommendations by January 31, 2005. The reports must recommend production and usage goals for alternative transportation fuels and biofuels and recommend strategies for achieving those goals.

LD 1187

An Act To Establish Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for Products Sold in the State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL O'NEIL	ONTP	

LD 1187 proposed to set minimum energy efficiency standards for products in Maine, including exit signs, traffic signals and ceiling fans. LD 1187 proposed to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to establish higher energy efficiency standards and to adopt standards for additional products and to direct the Public Utilities Commission to monitor and enforce compliance with the standards. (See LD 1261.)