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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1215

An Act To Amend the Animal Welfare Laws and Improve Funding

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT	ONTP	

LD 1215 proposed eliminating the licensing requirements and fees for dogs while retaining the requirement for dogs to be immunized against rabies. It proposed imposing a 3% tax on the wholesale sale of domestic animal food and dedicating the revenue to the Animal Welfare Fund. It proposed a review of immunization provisions and the operation of the excise tax by June 30, 2007. See the bill summary for LD 1545 for a summary of provisions enacted this session relating to animal welfare.

LD 1219

**Resolve, To Ensure the Integrity and Enhance the Marketing of
Maine Agricultural Crops**

**DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKEE DAMON	OTP-AM	H-376

LD 1219 proposed establishing a 3-year moratorium on planting or cultivating genetically engineered plant parts, seeds or plants out of doors and a moratorium on planting or cultivating genetically engineered plant parts, seeds or plants in greenhouses for commercial crop production. During the moratorium, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources would be required to prepare a marketing plan that uses the moratorium as a promotional tool for Maine's agricultural products.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-376) proposed replacing the bill with a directive to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to convene a working group. The working group would develop an approach for and discuss the potential of a marketing initiative to promote Maine agricultural crops as free of genetically engineered materials. It proposed authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature regarding measures to protect the integrity of genetically engineered and nongenetically engineered crops.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-229) proposed replacing the bill and committee amendment with a directive to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to convene a working group to study the potential benefits of agricultural biotechnology. It proposed authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature regarding its findings. Senate Amendment A was accepted in the Senate only.