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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
State and Local Government*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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 June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 68 **An Act To Eliminate Daylight Saving Time** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 68 proposed to end the observance of Eastern Daylight Time in Maine.

LD 73 **An Act To Prohibit the Federal Government from Owning
Property in the State Not Specifically Authorized in the United
States Constitution** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 73 proposed to prohibit the United States from owning or acquiring land in this State unless the ownership of the land is expressly authorized by the United States Constitution. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Conservation to recommend to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over property matters a procedure for transferring to the State all land that is owned by the United States and that is not authorized by the United States Constitution. The bill proposed to repeal sections of law that authorize the United States to acquire land in the State for national forests.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-27), which is the minority report, proposed to remove from the bill the section that would have set up a procedure to transfer existing federal property to the state of Maine. The amendment proposed to require that if the state congressional delegation and the Governor seek a congressional study for the formation of a national park, the study must be approved by 2/3 of all the voters in the communities included within and abutting the proposed park before the study can go ahead.

LD 85 **An Act To Establish Moxie as Maine's Official Soft Drink** **PUBLIC 136**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ROTUNDO BERUBE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-89
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LD 85 proposed to establish Moxie as the official state beverage.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-89) proposed to change the title of the bill and make Moxie Maine's official soft drink rather than its official beverage.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 136 establishes Moxie as the official soft drink of Maine.