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Bill Summaries

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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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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 |
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| CON RES XXX | Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session |
| CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE | |
| DIED BETWEEN BODIES | House & Senate disagree; bill died |
| DIED IN CONCURRENCE | One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill |
| | Action incomplete when session ended; bill died |
| EMERGENCY | Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days |
| FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PAS | SAGE Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote |
| FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE | Bill failed to get majority vote |
| FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT | |
| NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY | |
| INDEF PP | |
| ONTP | |
| 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 |
| | Chapter # of finally passed Resolve |
| | 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*.

LD 171An Act To Allocate Funds To Erect a Bridge between MadawaskaONTPand Pelletier Island in St. Agatha

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| PARADIS | ONTP | _ |
| MARTIN | | |

LD 171 proposed to provide a Highway Fund allocation to the Department of Transportation to construct a bridge between Madawaska and Pelletier Island in St. Agatha.

LD 172 An Act Requiring Protective Headgear for All Operators and ONTP Passengers on Motorcycles, Motor-driven Cycles and Mopeds

| Sponsor(s) | Committee I | Report | Amendments Adopted |
|------------|-------------|--------|--------------------|
| WHEELER | ONTP | Ā | |
| ANDREWS | OTP | В | |
| | OTP-AM | С | |

LD 172 proposed to require use of helmets by all operators and passengers of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-221), the committee minority report, proposed to require use of helmets by all operators and passengers of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles or attached side cars under 21 years of age. It also proposed to require an operator of a motorcycle to wear protective eyewear when operating a motorcycle if the motorcycle is not equipped with a windshield or screen that protects the operator's eyes and face. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 175An Act To Permit Logo Signs on the Maine TurnpikeONTP

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| VALENTINO | ONTP | |

LD 175 proposed to authorize the Maine Turnpike Authority to install logo signs on the Maine Turnpike and direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to adopt major substantive rules to establish application and installation procedures.

LD 202An Act To Clarify Matters Relating to the Offices of Secretary andPUBLIC 54Treasurer of the Maine Turnpike Authority

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| MCKENNEY | OTP | |

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LD 202 proposed to clarify that the offices of secretary and treasurer of the Maine Turnpike Authority may be held simultaneously by 2 persons or by one person.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 54 clarifies that the offices of secretary and treasurer of the Maine Turnpike Authority may be held simultaneously by 2 persons or by one person.

LD 213Resolve, To Require That the Department of TransportationDIED BETWEENInstall a Traffic Light in West EnfieldHOUSES

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | | Amendments Adopted |
|------------|------------------|-----|--------------------|
| CARR | ONTP | MAJ | |
| DAVIS P | OTP | MIN | |

LD 213 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to install a 4-way flashing beacon traffic light at the intersection of U.S. Route 2 and Route 155 in West Enfield.

LD 224An Act To Amend the Law Governing Student Rates on MainePUBLIC 9State Ferry Service Ferries

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAMON | Committee Report OTP | Amendments Adopted |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| PINGREE | | |

LD 224 proposed to allow year-round free use of the scheduled Maine State Ferry Service to the towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Swan's Island and Frenchboro for school functions or school-sponsored activities.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 9 allows year-round free use of the scheduled Maine State Ferry Service to the towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Swan's Island and Frenchboro for school functions or school-sponsored activities.

LD 243 An Act To Allow Emergency Responders To Equip Their Vehicles PUBLIC 299 with 2 Emergency Flashing Lights

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| DAVIS G | OTP-AM | H-220 |
| | | S-270 DAMON |