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First Regular Session and First Special Session

Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

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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
CON RES XXX	Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	
	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE One be	ody accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	
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	
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	
OTP ND/NT	
P&S XXX	
PUBLIC XXX	
RESOLVE XXX	
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*.

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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 213 Resolve, To Require That the Department of Transportation Install a Traffic Light in West Enfield

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

Sponsor(s)	Committe	e 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 224 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Student Rates on Maine

PUBLIC 9

State Ferry Service Ferries

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DAMON	OTP	_
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 with 2 Emergency Flashing Lights PUBLIC 299

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