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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Transportation*

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
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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 Transportation

LD 1233

An Act To Reorganize the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

ONTP

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

LD 1233 proposed to do the following:

1. Require the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to seek and use such funds as are necessary to extend the current Downeaster passenger rail service northward from Portland to Brunswick, with this extension, as well as connecting service to Rockland, to be in operation no later than January 1, 2007;
2. Increase the size of the board of directors of the authority from 5 members to 7 members, with one of the additional members being the Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee and the other additional member being appointed to represent a passenger rail advocacy organization by the Governor;
3. Provide that any replacements for the current 5 members of the authority's board of directors, and any further replacements for those directors, are to be appointed by the Governor and subject to approval of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters; and
4. Provide that, after July 1, 2006, the authority may not employ any person or hire any consultants or others, but that, instead, on and after that date, the Department of Transportation shall provide all persons, consultants and others as the authority and the department jointly determine necessary to carry out the purposes of the authority.

LD 1280

Resolve, To Name the New Augusta Bridge

RESOLVE 22

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LERMAN MITCHELL	OTP	

LD 1280 proposed to establish the Augusta Bridge Naming Committee, composed of the Augusta legislative delegation, the mayor and 3 city councilors of Augusta and a resident of Kennebec County. It would require the committee to propose a name for the new Augusta bridge that crosses the Kennebec River north of the Father Curran Bridge to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 7, 2005.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 22 establishes the Augusta Bridge Naming Committee, composed of the Augusta legislative delegation, the mayor and 3 city councilors of Augusta and a resident of Kennebec County. The law requires the committee to propose a name for the new Augusta bridge that crosses the Kennebec River north of the Father Curran Bridge to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 7, 2005.