

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Taxation*

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### 122nd Maine Legislature Second Regular Session

#### 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 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/billsumm.htm](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm)).

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:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 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                             |
| P&S XXX                                  | Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law                              |
| PASSED                                   | Joint Order passed in both bodies                                       |
| PUBLIC XXX                               | Chapter # of enacted Public Law   |
| RESOLVE XXX                              | Chapter # of finally passed Resolve                                     |
| UNSIGNED (Pocket Veto)                   | Bill held by Governor   |
| VETO SUSTAINED                           | Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto                          |

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

## *Joint Standing Committee on Taxation*

**LD 1258**                      **An Act To Provide for Department of Labor Services and Other Services in Unorganized Territories**                      **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MARTIN            | ONTP      MAJ           |                           |
| JACKSON           | OTP-AM      MIN         |                           |

LD 1258 proposed to assess landowners in the unorganized territory a fee equal to .01% of equalized state valuation for the landowners' property. The revenue from the fee would be used to offset the cost of providing services, such as police and fire protection, game warden services and services provided by Department of Labor personnel, in the unorganized territory.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 from the First Special Session of the 122nd Legislature.

**LD 1328**                      **An Act To Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law To Encourage Public Access**                      **INDEF PP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MARTIN            | ONTP      MAJ           |                           |
| PINEAU            | OTP-AM      MIN         |                           |

LD 1328 proposed to deny Maine Tree Growth Tax Law eligibility for a parcel of land to which public access for recreational use is limited or prohibited.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 from the First Special Session of the 122nd Legislature.

**LD 1343**                      **An Act To Simplify Rent and Property Tax Relief**                      **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| EDER              | ONTP                    |                           |
| STRIMLING         |                         |                           |

LD 1343 proposed that a claimant may apply for a benefit under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program on that claimant's individual income tax form.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 from the First Special Session of the 122nd Legislature.