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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources*

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
ONT P.....	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 Natural Resources

cost of review. The Land and Water Resources Council is directed to undertake a comprehensive study of state groundwater regulations. The purpose of the study is to identify any further changes in state law needed to ensure a consistent, integrated and scientifically sound state policy with regard to groundwater withdrawal. The Land and Water Resources Council will report its findings to the Legislature by November 1, 2007. Those agencies will adopt any major substantive rules recommended by the Land and Water Resources Council by March 15, 2007.

LD 1664

An Act To Limit Mercury Emissions from Crematoria

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER KOFFMAN	ONTP	

LD 1664 proposed to require that, beginning October 1, 2006, a crematorium either remove dental amalgam fillings from a body prior to cremation or capture mercury from emissions prior to release into the air. The bill proposed to direct the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt routine technical rules to implement this requirement.

LD 1669

Resolve, To Authorize Certain Host Community Benefits Relative to a Landfill in the City of Old Town Owned by the State CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLANCHARD SCHNEIDER		

LD 1669 proposes to require the operator of the West Old Town Landfill to enter into a host community agreement with the City of Old Town on terms and conditions that are at least as favorable to the City of Old Town as the terms and conditions of the host community benefits described or detailed in the documents in the operator's bid in response to the request for proposals. It also proposes to require the host community agreement to include provisions for a payment in lieu of taxes. LD 1669 was carried over by H. P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.