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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and  
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*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

*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
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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

Resolve 2005, chapter 97 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to convey property or interests in property at 8 different locations. The resolve describes each property to be transferred and the purpose of the transfer. These parcels are among the lands designated under the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23. Proceeds from sale of these lands must be used to purchase additional land in the same county for the conservation or recreation purposes.

**LD 1692**

**An Act To Transfer Funds to the Maine Milk Pool from the  
General Fund To Fund Dairy Stabilization Programs**

**PUBLIC 418**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PIOTTI		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1692 proposed directing the State Controller to transfer undedicated revenue from the General Fund to the Maine Milk Pool on a monthly basis. The proposed transfers would be distributed from the Maine Milk Pool to milk producers. This bill was enacted on the floor without reference to committee.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 2005, chapter 418 directs the State Controller to transfer undedicated revenue from the General Fund to the Maine Milk Pool. The amount to be transferred monthly is based on price support distributions to Maine milk producers for the previous month. Distributions are calculated and paid in accordance with Title 7, sections 3153-B and 3153 –C.