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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

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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).

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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 2095

Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey Certain Lands

RESOLVE 193

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted
H-967 PIOTTI

LD 2095 proposed authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to convey certain properties.

House Amendment "A" (H-967) proposed clarifying who will be receiving the right-of-way easement in Brownville.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 193 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to convey certain properties. The transactions authorized were originally included in LD 2015. Several relate to properties abutting recreational trails.

LD 2107

An Act To Establish a Food Policy for Maine

PUBLIC 614

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted
S-629 NUTTING J

LD 2107 proposed establishing the Maine Food Policy Council and charging the council with developing and implementing a strategic plan to support a food supply system for Maine. This bill was submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Public Law 2005, chapter 382, Part C, section 6.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-629) proposed changing the memberships of the council to have 4 Legislators serve on the Maine Food Policy Council during its initial year only.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 614 establishes the Maine Food Policy Council and charges the council with developing and implementing a strategic plan to support a food supply system for Maine. The council is directed to build on the report of the food policy working group convened by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in 2005. It also moves 2 sections in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7 relating to food policy into the new subchapter on food policy.