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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature coming from the

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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.....	Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
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; bill died
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is September 12, 2009. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 60 Resolve, To Rename the Father Curran Bridge in Augusta

RESOLVE 4

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT P MITCHELL E	OTP	

This resolve changes the name of the Father Curran Bridge in Augusta to the Calumet Bridge at Old Fort Western.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 4 changes the name of the Father Curran Bridge in Augusta to the Calumet Bridge at Old Fort Western.

LD 61

An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

**PUBLIC 7
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAZUREK DAMON	OTP-AM	H-4

Part A makes allocations of funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Part B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C lapses \$12,652 in projected salary savings in the Personal Services line category in the Compensation and Benefit Plan, Highway Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Highway Fund at the close of fiscal year 2008-09.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-4)

Part A makes allocations of funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Part B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C lapses \$12,652 in projected salary savings in the Personal Services line category in the Compensation and Benefit Plan, Highway Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Highway Fund at the close of fiscal year 2008-09.

Under existing law, a road commissioner may, with the written consent of the municipal officers, exceed the road appropriation authorized by the local legislative body by 15% for road repairs. Part D clarifies that the road commissioner may exceed the appropriation to maintain the roads as well.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 7 does the following:

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Part A makes allocations of funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Part B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C lapses \$12,652 in projected salary savings in the Personal Services line category in the Compensation and Benefit Plan, Highway Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Highway Fund at the close of fiscal year 2008-09.

Under existing law, a road commissioner may, with the written consent of the municipal officers, exceed the road appropriation authorized by the local legislative body by 15% for road repairs. Part D clarifies that the road commissioner may exceed the appropriation to maintain the roads as well.

Public Law 2009, chapter 7 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2009.

**LD 110 An Act To Allow School Buses To Travel at the Posted Speed Limit on
the Interstate and the Maine Turnpike**

PUBLIC 9

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

The bill allows school buses to travel at the posted speed limit on Maine's portion of the Interstate Highway System, including the Maine Turnpike.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 9 allows school buses to travel at the posted speed limit on Maine's portion of the Interstate Highway System, including the Maine Turnpike.

LD 111 Resolve, To Name Part of Route 16 the Alton E. Worcester Highway

RESOLVE 5

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON SMITH D	OTP	

This resolve names the part of Route 16 that runs through Kingsbury Plantation from Mayfield Township to the Town of Abbot the Alton E. Worcester Highway.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 5 names the part of Route 16 that runs through Kingsbury Plantation from Mayfield Township to the Town of Abbot the Alton E. Worcester Highway.