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STATE OF MAINE  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON MAINE'S ENERGY  
FUTURE**

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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 124<sup>th</sup> 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 124<sup>th</sup> 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 Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future*

**LD 501 An Act To Ensure Maine's Energy Security and Reduce Dependence on Oil**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

PERRY J

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to increase the State's energy security while reducing the State's reliance on oil by:

1. Setting aside 85 percent of revenues derived from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to: immediately establish an insulation and energy auditing training program at every community college in the State; provide a tax exemption for purchases of building insulation; establish a low-interest loan program for homeowners and businesses to purchase insulation; establish a low-interest marginal risk loan program for equipment and costs to start up insulation companies; provide a progressive tax credit to companies interested in maximizing the insulation value of their buildings, with a higher insulation value receiving a larger tax credit; and insulate homes of low-income residents;
2. Redirecting the focus of the Public Utilities Commission's Efficiency Maine program from electricity use reduction to energy use reduction by: aggressively promoting the reduction of oil use; requiring that preference be given to an energy-saving project based on the return of investment of the project, regardless of the energy source; promoting the use of heat pump technology, giving top economic incentives to exceptionally high coefficients of performance; and aggressively pursuing Internet-based demand-side management programs; and
3. Establish a tax on oil equal to the BTU tax on electricity, the proceeds to fund Efficiency Maine.

**LD 556 Resolve, Relating to Federal Stimulus Funds for Energy Programs**

**RESOLVE 1  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolve, reported by the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future pursuant to Joint Order 2009, H.P. 63, provides for legislative review and approval of state spending of expected federal economic stimulus funds designated for energy purposes.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2009, Chapter 1, which was reported by the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future pursuant to Joint Order 2009, H.P. 63, provides for legislative review and approval of state spending of expected federal economic stimulus funds designated for energy purposes.

Resolve 2009, Chapter 1, was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 27, 2009.