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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

This bill is a concept draft that proposes to allocate prospective federal funding to support the State's dairy industry. This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature pursuant to joint order, H.P. 1053.

**LD 674 An Act To Lower the Cost of State Government in the Departments
under the Purview of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry**

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill deallocates Other Special Revenue Funds of \$109,866 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$151,719 in fiscal year 2010-11 and eliminates 2 Public Service Coordinator I positions. It also includes General Fund deappropriations of \$82,238 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$113,473 in fiscal year 2010-11 made possible by eliminating a Public Service Manager III position.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-71)

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The amendment eliminates one instead of 2 Public Service Coordinator positions. The amendment corrects figures for the Public Service Manager III position.

**LD 687 Resolve, To Authorize the Department of Conservation To Place
Priority on Access to Certain Prominent Water Bodies under the Land
for Maine's Future Fund**

Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolve requires the Department of Conservation to give priority under the Land for Maine's Future Fund to acquire, support and maintain public access to swift rivers and great ponds. Authority is granted to the department to use eminent domain, as necessary, to acquire and maintain access to key launching points on the Dead River and the Kennebec River. This bill was carried over to any special session or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1053.

**LD 692 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural
Resources To Develop Best Management Practices for Poultry
Production**

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	OTP-AM	S-127