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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

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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 Standing Committee on Transportation*

**LD 1351**

**Resolve, To Name the Bridge in Orland the Ralston C. Gray Bridge**

**RESOLVE 44**

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

This resolve names the State Route 175 bridge crossing the Narramissic River in Orland, which is being rebuilt and is due to be completed next year, after the late lifelong Orland resident Ralston C. Gray.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2009, chapter 44 names the State Route 175 bridge crossing the Narramissic River in Orland after the late lifelong Orland resident Ralston C. Gray.

**LD 1355 An Act To Make Permanent the Allowance of Certain Commercial Vehicles between the United States-Canada Border and Certain Points in Maine**

**PUBLIC 326  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-192

This bill makes permanent the allowance of commercial vehicles at Canadian weight limits to travel from the Canadian border at Calais to Baileyville and from the Canadian border at Van Buren to a rail yard in Van Buren.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-192)**

The bill makes permanent the allowance of commercial vehicles at Canadian weight limits to travel from the United States-Canada border at Calais to Baileyville and from the United States-Canada border at Van Buren to a rail yard in Van Buren.

This amendment extends the allowance to commercial vehicles at Canadian weight limits to travel from the United States-Canada border at Madawaska to the Fraser Papers facility or its successor in Madawaska.

The amendment gives the Secretary of State rulemaking authority to implement these provisions and directs the Secretary of State to adopt rules no later than July 1, 2009.

The amendment directs the Department of Transportation to monitor and evaluate the effects of the allowance on road conditions and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters with an initial report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature and a final report to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 326 makes permanent the allowance of commercial vehicles at Canadian weight limits to travel from the United States-Canada border at Calais to Bailyville, from the United States-Canada border at Van Buren to a railyard in Van Buren, and from the United States-Canada border at Madawaska to the Fraser Papers