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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES  
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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND  
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

*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; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES*..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY*..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE* ..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT* ..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR*..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW*..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP*..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X*... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX*..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... chapter # of enacted public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

**Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology**

that the office coordinate a meeting among the leadership of legislative committees within the ISO-New England region that have jurisdiction over energy issues to discuss policies that can be adopted to encourage greater transparency of governance, more stakeholder input and cost containment as important considerations during the ISO-New England decision making process.

**LD 1291      Resolve, To Promote Community Wind Energy Development      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CORNELL DU HOUX	ONTP	

This resolve is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This resolve proposes to establish a study group to develop a bidding process for use by the State to lease certain state-owned lands to community wind energy developers. The intent of the bidding and leasing process would be to create a long-term income stream for the State to be used for development of other wind energy projects.

The committee considered 14 bills related to wind energy development during the first regular session of the 125th legislature. The committee voted all of the wind energy bills, except LD 1366, An Act to Update the Maine Wind Energy Act to Include Low-emission Energy, ought-not-to-pass. The committee amendment to LD 1366 was used as a vehicle to address many of the wind energy issues brought forward in the other bills.

**LD 1311      An Act To Specify That Providers of Voice Over Internet Protocol Services and Internet Protocol Enabled Services Do Not Constitute Telephone Utilities      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill establishes that interconnected voice over Internet protocol service is not a telephone service and that a voice over Internet protocol provider is not a telephone utility.

See LD 1466.

**LD 1323      An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine      MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLOOD	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill creates the Maine Solar Energy Act, which:

1. States specific legislative findings that it is in the public interest to explore opportunities for and encourage