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STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 Transportation

LD 108 An Act To Rename Big Moose Mountain as Red Eagle Mountain

ONTP

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill directs the Piscataquis County commissioners to change the name of Big Moose Mountain to Red Eagle Mountain, in honor of Chief Henry Red Eagle, a Maliseet from the Moosehead region. In addition, the bill requires that the Piscataquis County commissioners notify appropriate state and federal entities of the name change to ensure that the proper name appears on maps and other documents.

This bill requires that the existing sign mandated by statute on the Maine Turnpike directing people to the Moosehead Lake Region is to be replaced to reflect the name change to Red Eagle Mountain. This bill also directs the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority to change any other signs along the interstate highway or the Maine Turnpike that reference Big Moose Mountain no later than 30 days after the bill becomes effective.

LD 120 An Act To Facilitate Regional Transit

ONTP

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

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

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to enable the delivery of cost-effective, sustainable and customer-focused transportation services that will meet the current and future needs of the State.

**LD 566 Resolve, To Enhance and Encourage Economic Development of the
Lower Penobscot River Basin by Improving Rail Transportation**

ONTP

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

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the feasibility and cost of improving the railroad line from the City of Brewer to the Town of Bucksport and to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 1, 2014. This resolve also gives the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation authority to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.