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

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126th 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 126th Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

plan to identify methods and the funding necessary to strengthen links among producers, processors and markets; and

4. Requires the commission to investigate the feasibility, logistics and propriety of instituting in the State food sovereignty under which local governments may regulate local food systems by local ordinance and directs the commission to submit a report of its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 1, 2014.

LD 749 An Act To Prohibit the Taking or Possession of a Natural Resource ONTP
That Is on the Land of Another

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KUMIEGA JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill makes the taking, removing or possessing of a natural resource from the property of another without written permission from the owner a civil violation and makes it a Class E crime if the value of the resource taken exceeds \$100 or if the offense is repeated.

LD 789 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Milk Tier Pricing RESOLVE 67

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-281

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

This bill proposes to adjust the price levels determined pursuant to the laws governing dairy stabilization for the various tiers of milk production in order to account for recent dramatic increases in feed and fuel costs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-281)

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft, with a resolve. It proposes to establish the 11-member Task Force on Milk Tier Pricing to study the current dairy stabilization tier program to determine if any modifications are necessary to ensure its effectiveness. The amendment requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by December 4, 2013. The committee is authorized to report out a bill based on the task force's recommendations.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 67 establishes an 11-member Task Force on Milk Tier Pricing to study the current dairy stabilization tier program to determine if any modifications are necessary to ensure its effectiveness. It requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by December 4, 2013. Resolve 2013, chapter 67 authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the task force's recommendations.