

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 127 **An Act to Prohibit Destruction of Any Artificial Structure within Baxter State Park** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLARK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 127 proposed prohibiting the Baxter State Park Authority from destroying or removing any road, bridge or other artificial structure without approval of the Legislature.

LD 128 **An Act to Require Public Access to Any Public Lands Conveyed for Inclusion in a National Park** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLARK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 128 proposed requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to ensure that public lands and public reserved lands conveyed to the Federal Government for inclusion in a national park be conveyed with a reserved right of public access for hunting, trapping and fishing and free vehicular access for noncommercial vehicles.

LD 160 **An Act to Fund Research Regarding the Reinstatement of a Meat Inspection Program** **P & S 45**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY PIEH		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 160 proposed providing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources with a \$20,000 General Fund appropriation to research establishment of a state-operated meat inspection program and to initiate a pilot project.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 45 provides the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources with a \$20,000 General Fund appropriation to research establishment of a state-operated meat inspection program and to initiate a pilot project.

LD 230

An Act to Require the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to Consider Community Benefits when Approving Utility Line Permits

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
GAGNON
CAREY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 230 proposed amending the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission's criteria for approval of utility line permits. This bill would have required the commission, when approving utility line permits, to find that there was a demonstrated benefit to the community or area and that extension of utility service was consistent with the commission's plan for residential growth or other development for the area.

LD 244

An Act to Regulate the Use of Gates on Access Roads to Remote Ponds

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
CLARK
KILKELLY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 244 proposed specifying that, when the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission required the erection or maintenance of a barrier across a road to limit access to a remote pond, the commission would be responsible for the gate or barrier. The barrier could not be erected at a distance greater than 1/2 mile from the remote pond. The bill also proposed a definition of a "remote pond."

LD 253

An Act to Require a Search Warrant to Investigate Private Property for the Purpose of Forestry Examinations

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
SNOWE-MELLO
BENNETT

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 253 proposes requiring that agents of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry obtain a search warrant prior to entering onto private land to investigate possible forest practices violations, unless the agent has the consent of the landowner.

LD 265

An Act to Amend the Maine Apiary Laws

PUBLIC 480

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-78

LD 265 proposed dedicating certain licensing and registration fees collected by the Division of Plant Industry within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to partially cover the personal services cost of an existing seasonal Entomologist I position used for apiary inspection.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-78) proposed changing the maximum per colony fees allowed for licensing of persons owning honeybees and registration of colonies of bees and allowing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to issue licenses to beekeepers for periods of one, two or three years.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 480 dedicates revenue from the licensing of beekeepers and registration of bee colonies to partially fund the cost of apiary inspection. It also changes the maximum per colony fees allowed for licensing of persons owning honeybees and registration of colonies of bees and allows the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to issue licenses to beekeepers for periods of one, two or three years.

LD 289 **Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study Maine Forest Practices** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEXTER CASSIDY		

LD 289 proposes establishing the Committee to Study Maine's Forest Practices. This resolve directs the committee to review forest practices in Maine, to examine forest practices in other states, to analyze trends in sustainability and the structure of the forest and to develop a new forest policy for the State using, as a baseline, Public Law 1989, chapter 555, “ An Act to Implement Sound Forest Practices”.

LD 396 **An Act to Allow the Maine Forest Service to Retain Funds from the Sale of Real Estate** **PUBLIC 536**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY KNEELAND	OTP-AM	S-23 S-359 MICHAUD

LD 396 proposed authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Forestry to use the proceeds from the sale or lease of any bureau property, except for state forests and natural areas, to upgrade existing structures owned by the Division of Forest Fire Control, to consolidate operations of the division and to purchase land upon which to build structures. In addition, the bill proposes a requirement that all purchases of land or structures be approved by the Bureau of General Services, which has statewide oversight of state facilities. LD 396 also proposed technical changes and corrections to existing law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-23) proposed a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-359) proposed striking and replacing the fiscal note proposed in the committee amendment and adding an allocation section.

LD 429 proposed clarifying the procedures the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural resources may implement to protect the Maine potato industry from the spread of diseases from potato cull piles and from the importation of diseased potatoes. It also proposed increasing the penalties for planting noncertified seed potatoes.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-241) proposed removing the section of the bill that proposed changing the penalty for planting noncertified seed. This amendment also proposed adding a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-741) proposed a change in punctuation to clarify when a search warrant is necessary.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 538 clarifies the procedures the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural resources is authorized to implement to protect the Maine potato industry from the spread of diseases from potato cull piles and from the importation of diseased potatoes. The effective date is June 12, 1997.

LD 447 **An Act Regarding Disclosure of Pesticide Use to a Buyer of Blueberry Land** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 427 proposed requiring a seller of blueberry land to disclose to the prospective buyer any use of pesticides on the land of which the seller has knowledge. It proposed allowing a buyer to rescind the land sale contract, or after delivery of the deed, to recover damages if the seller had failed to disclose known pesticides use.

LD 460 **An Act to Repeal the Laws That Pertain to the Licensing of Dogs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 460 proposed repealing State laws requiring the licensing of dogs.

LD 461 **An Act to Include Domestic Water Fowl in the Animal Trespass Statutes** **PUBLIC 104**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PENDLETON R		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-113
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LD 461 proposed including domestic water fowl such as ducks and geese in the animal trespass laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-113) proposed clarifying the definition of domestic waterfowl and adding a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 104 makes the animal trespass laws applicable to domestic water fowl. The owner or keeper of domestic water fowl is responsible for removing them from the property of another person upon notification by an animal control or law enforcement officer. Failure to do so is a civil violation and subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

LD 514 An Act to Provide Limited Voting Authority for Associate Supervisors of Maine's Soil and Water Conservation Districts PUBLIC 105

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SPEAR NUTTING	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-112
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LD 514 proposed allowing the supervisors of a soil and water conservation district to appoint associate supervisors and to authorize an associate supervisor to vote in place of an absent supervisor.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-112) proposed language changes to clarify that an associate supervisor could be granted voting authority only when a quorum was lacking at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 105 allows the supervisors of a soil and water conservation district to appoint associate supervisors and to authorize an associate supervisor to vote in place of an absent supervisor when a quorum is lacking at a regularly scheduled meeting.

LD 575 An Act to Label All Eggs Produced in the State by Source DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BERRY R	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 575 proposed requiring all eggs to be labeled with the name of the producer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-264) was proposed the majority report of the committee. It proposed requiring all eggs to be labeled with the name of the company that packed the eggs rather than the producer. It also proposed adding a fiscal note to the bill. This amendment was adopted by the House and Senate but the bill failed enactment in the Senate.

LD 628

An Act to Authorize the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to Regulate the Location and Use of Roads in the Unorganized and Deorganized Areas

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN	ONTP MAJ	
JONES K	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 628 proposed giving the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) the authority to limit the construction and maintenance of haul roads in management districts. It proposed directing LURC to adopt rules and establish a permitting system for regulating the location, use and construction of haul roads. At a minimum, a permit would be required in management districts for roads covering a ground area of three acres or more unless the roads were constructed and maintained in accordance with the commission’s Land Use Handbook.

LD 643

An Act to Permit Forest Rangers to Carry Weapons

INDEF PP

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

LD 643 proposed allowing forest fire wardens, forest rangers, deputy wardens and general deputy wardens to carry weapons that had been sanctioned by the Department of Conservation. The bill would have required forest fire wardens and forest rangers to attend a safety course prior to carrying the weapon and to pay all expenses associated with carrying the weapon.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-395) was the majority report of the Committee. It proposed replacing the original bill with a requirement that the Commissioner of Conservation develop a policy allowing a forest ranger to carry a weapon. The commissioner would have been required to submit the policy to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The amendment also proposed adding a fiscal note indicating minor costs to submit a policy.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-489) proposed requiring the Commissioner of Conservation to establish a policy for forest rangers to carry weapons using the rulemaking process under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. It proposed adding a fiscal note that reflected a range of potential implementation costs depending on the policy adopted.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-485) proposed replacing the fiscal note on the committee amendment with a fiscal note that reflected a range of potential implementation costs depending on the policy adopted. This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "A" and **House Amendment "B"** were adopted by the House and Senate but the bill failed enactment in the Senate.

LD 691

**An Act to Clarify the Sanctions for Violating Laws Relating to
Animal Pulling Events**

PUBLIC 121

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CHICK KILKELLY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-140
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LD 691 proposed to clarify and eliminate inconsistencies in the laws regarding suspensions from pulling events for those who violate the laws regulating pulling events.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-140) proposed language to clarify that penalties may be imposed either through an administrative procedure or in a civil action and that any forfeitures collected must be deposited in the General Fund.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 121 eliminates inconsistencies in the laws regarding suspensions from pulling events for those who violate the laws regulating pulling events. It clarifies that penalties may be imposed either through an administrative procedure or in a civil action and that any forfeitures collected must be deposited in the General Fund.

LD 698

An Act to Require That Dogs Be Kept on Leashes

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GAGNE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 698 proposed requiring that a dog not in a house or enclosure be tied or kept on a leash at all times. The only exception would have been for hunting dogs while being used for hunting.

LD 800

An Act to Prohibit the Docking of a Cow's Tail

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PENDLETON P	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 800 proposed prohibiting the docking a cow's tail by amending the definition of "mutilate" in the animal welfare laws. Mutilation is prohibited by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 4011, subsection 1, paragraph D.

LD 883

An Act to Extend the Exemptions for Farm Stands to Include Farmers' Markets

PUBLIC 96

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY
BUNKER

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 883 proposed clarifying that farmers' markets selling primarily fresh produce are not required to be licensed as food establishments.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 96 clarifies that farmers' markets selling primarily fresh produce are not required to be licensed as food establishments.

LD 930

Resolve, to Require the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee to Make Recommendations for the Licensing of Dog Groomers

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
POULIN

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 930 proposed that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee make recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature to provide for the state licensure of dog groomers.

LD 940

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Boarding of Dogs

PUBLIC 33

Sponsor(s)
GOLDTHWAIT

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 940 proposed amending the definition of "boarding kennel" to include only facilities that keep three or more pets.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 33 amends the definition of "boarding kennel" to include only facilities that keep three or more pets. A facility that meets the definition of a boarding kennel is required to be licensed in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 3932.

LD 941

An Act to Enhance the Potato Industry

PUBLIC 388

Sponsor(s)
KIEFFER

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-240

LD 941 proposed giving the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources authority to develop rules requiring the inspection of all potatoes, including bulk shipments. Currently, only potatoes in 50-pound packages or less are inspected. The bill also proposed raising the bonding levels for potato dealers, brokers and processors; and making information regarding patented potato varieties confidential.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-240) proposed providing for inspection of all consumer packs of potatoes and amending the definition of consumer pack to include all weights of packed potatoes. It proposed correcting a cross-reference, striking a provision in the original bill regarding termination of confidential status for certain records and adding a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 388 authorizes the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop rules requiring the inspection of all potatoes packed in any type of container. It raises the bonding levels for potato dealers, brokers and processors. It makes information kept by the department regarding patented and nonreleased potato varieties confidential.

LD 968

An Act to Require Recommended Silvicultural Stocking Standards on Land Ownerships Enrolled under the Tree Growth Tax Laws **CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)
VOLENIK

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 968 proposes requiring land enrolled under Tree Growth Tax Law to meet certain established stocking standards for growing stock remaining on a site after a harvest. It would require the Commissioner of Conservation to adopt major substantive rules to establish the standards. The bill proposes specifying that the standards use basal area as a measure of stocking and that a standard may not be below 60 square feet of basal area per acre. It would provide for the Commissioner of Conservation to grant a variance when compliance with the standards would cause unusual hardship. It would subject a landowner who fails to comply with stocking standards to fines and penalties and that landowner's land would become ineligible for enrollment under Tree Growth.

LD 978

An Act to Improve the Efficiency of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources **PUBLIC 454**

Sponsor(s)
BUNKER
KILKELLY

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-160

LD 978 proposed allowing, but not requiring, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to grant multi-year licenses for a period of up to three years.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-160) proposes prohibiting the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources from requiring that licenses be issued for a period of up to three years. An applicant would have to agree to or request issuance for more than one year. It proposes language clarifying that the fee for multi-year licenses and registrations would be based on the annual fee. It also would require the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to report back to the Legislature by February 15, 2000 on the transition to multi-year licenses. It also proposed adding a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 454 authorizes the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to issue licenses and registrations for a period of one, two, or three years. A license or registration for a period exceeding one year may only be issued with the agreement or at the request of the applicant. The fee for a two year license is two times the annual fee. The fee for a three year license is three times the annual fee. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is required to report back to the Legislature by February 15, 2000 on the transition to multi-year licenses.

LD 1034 An Act to Provide Information to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission PUBLIC 335

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL J RUHLIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-445

LD 1034 proposed requiring the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission be notified of any land division within its jurisdiction. The person creating the division would have been required to file a plan of the division with the commission and with the county registry of deeds.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-445) was the majority report of the committee. It proposed removing the requirement in the bill that information on land division be filed with the registry of deeds.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 335 requires a person dividing land within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to notify the commission by filing a plan within 60 days of the division.

LD 1076 An Act to Increase the Civil Penalty for Cruelty to Animals PUBLIC 170

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUMPS	OTP-AM	H-214

LD 1076 proposed increasing fines for violations of certain laws governing cruelty to and mistreatment of animals and making those violations criminal violations. Under current law, certain violations of animal welfare laws may

be prosecuted as criminal violations or treated as civil violations. This bill would have required the following violations to be prosecuted as criminal violations; unlawful use of animals, failing to provide sustenance to an animal, failure to provide necessary medical attention to an animal, failure to provide shelter and clean conditions for an animal, and cruelty to animals. It also proposed imposing a duty on a veterinarian who knew or had reasonable cause to suspect that an animal was the subject of cruelty or neglect to report such knowledge or suspicion to the local law enforcement agency or animal control officer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-214) proposed replacing the original bill. It proposed increasing the minimum fine from \$100 to \$250 for civil violations under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, chapter 739, Cruelty to Animals.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 170 increases the minimum fine from \$100 to \$250 for civil violations under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, chapter 739, Cruelty to Animals.

LD 1078 An Act to Require Labeling on Genetically Engineered Food INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHARTRAND	OTP-AM MAJ	
NUTTING	ONTP MIN	

LD 1078 proposed requiring the labeling of genetically engineered food. A manufacturer or distributor who sold a genetically engineered food without the words “genetically engineered” on the invoice would be in violation of provisions prohibiting misbranded food. A manufacturer or distributor who sold a genetically engineered food without the words “genetically engineered” on the invoice would be in violation of provisions prohibiting misbranding of food. A retailer who sold or offered for sale a genetically engineered food without the prescribed label on packaged food or the sign next to food that is not packaged would be in violation of provisions prohibiting misbranding of food. The bill proposed a definition of genetically engineered food.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-394) was the majority report of the Committee and proposed replacing the original bill and it would have prohibited genetically engineered food from being labeled or advertised as organic or natural. The majority report was not adopted.

LD 1092 An Act to Provide Public Information on Forest Management Practices ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMSON	ONTP MAJ	
MILLS	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1092 proposed making annual wood processing reports, forest landowner harvest reports and precommercial silvicultural practices reports available to the public. It also proposed requiring forest landowners to report additional information regarding the establishment of plantations.

LD 1175

An Act to Remove the Large Lot Exemption from the Definition of "Subdivision" within the Laws Administered by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY	OTP-AM MAJ	
GOOLEY	ONTP MIN	

LD 1175 proposed removing the large lot exemption from the definition of "subdivision" within the laws administered by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. This change would have required a person proposing to create three to 10 lots, each of 40 acres or more in size, to apply for a permit from the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. Under the large lot exemption, such a division is not reviewed as a subdivision unless the lots or portions of the lots are within specified distances of a great pond, river or wetland.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-245) was the majority report of the committee. It proposed placing in statute certain exemptions to the definition of subdivision that are currently in rules and standards of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. The committee amendment proposed requiring the director of LURC to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on the transfer of parcels 1,000 acres or more for forestry, agriculture or conservation. The amendment proposed giving the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry authority to report out a bill regarding this provision based on its review of land transfers. The majority report was adopted in the Senate but not in the House.

LD 1198

An Act to Protect Maine's Wild Lands

DIED IN CONCURRENCE

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

LD 1198 proposed prohibiting new residential and commercial development in five core areas within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. The bill would have required LURC to adopt rules to designate the specific boundaries of the areas and prepare maps indicating the boundaries. The bill would have authorized LURC to adopt rules to permit certain structures in these five areas. The bill proposed allowing permits for structures associated with primitive recreation, sporting camps, or existing residential structures and temporary structures used in conjunction with forest management activities.

LD 1200

An Act to Reform the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law

CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1200 proposes specific criteria for forest management plans prepared for land qualifying for tree growth classification under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. This bill also proposes requiring the Maine Forest Service to conduct periodic, random audits to determine compliance with the plans, and to report the results to the State Tax

Assessor. Noncompliance would result in withdrawal of the land from tree growth classification and associated penalties.

LD 1232 An Act to Provide Relief from Barking Dogs CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SMALL		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1232 proposes requiring municipalities to adopt ordinances to address the problem presented by barking dogs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-138) proposed replacing the original bill. It would have made keeping a dog that repeatedly disturbs people a civil violation subject to a fine.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in the Senate. The bill was subsequently recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and carried over until the 2nd Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 1235 Resolve, to Convene a Study Group to Identify Access to Public Landings and Their Facilities by Persons Engaged in Commercial Fishing ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAWRENCE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1235 proposed a resolve to direct the Department of Conservation to convene a study group to identify ways of preserving and enhancing access to public boat landings and associated facilities by persons engaged in commercial fishing. The resolve proposed that the study group consist of persons who fish commercially, a representative of the Maine Aquaculture Association, a representative of municipal government and a representative of the Department of Marine Resources.

LD 1277 An Act Concerning the Harvesting and Sampling of Ginseng ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BAKER J PARADIS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1277 proposed prohibiting the harvesting or transplanting of wild ginseng. It proposed authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to issue permits for seed collection and tissue sampling from wild ginseng plants.

LD 1311

An Act to Prohibit Clear-cutting

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
VOLENIK

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1311 proposes amending the laws governing forest practices by prohibiting clear-cutting except when allowed by variance. It also proposes enacting a new definition of clearcutting.

LD 1362

An Act to Improve the Administration of Animal Welfare Law

PUBLIC 456

Sponsor(s)
SPEAR
NUTTING

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-492
H-717 BUNKER

LD 1362 proposed amendments to the animal welfare laws to remove inconsistencies, clarify language, and streamline enforcement and to make substantive changes recommended by the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-492) proposed striking several sections from the original bill and authorizing the

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to report out a bill making revisions to the animal welfare laws during the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature based on the sections removed from L.D. 1362.

House Amendment "A" (H-717) proposed removing the provision that allowed the court to order a person convicted of cruelty to animals to pay the costs of prosecution and costs incurred in investigation of the complaint.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 456 authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to report out a bill making revisions to the animal welfare laws during the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature and to consider the sections removed from L.D. 1362 when developing the bill. The bill as amended provides for the following changes in the animal welfare laws:

1. It changes the definition of "livestock" to include domesticated deer, fowl and rabbits.
2. It removes the qualification that other animals kept and used by a commercial farmer are livestock.
3. It adds a definition for livestock to the animal welfare laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17 that is identical to the amended definition for animal welfare laws in Title 7.
4. It amends the definition of "mutilation."
5. It allows a state veterinarian or state humane agents to represent the State in proceedings for civil violations.

6. It makes hunting or selling for the purpose of hunting any animal that is not covered by provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 10 a violation of cruelty to animals laws.
7. It amends the requirements for providing shelter to an animal. Livestock must be provided with shelter suitable for the health of that livestock. The shelter requirements for equines remain as in current law.
8. It requires that the names and other identifying information be kept confidential on people providing information to the department of criminal and civil cruelty to animals.
9. It allows the court to order a person convicted of criminal cruelty to animals to pay costs incurred for care and medical treatment of the animal.
10. It also authorizes the court to prohibit a violator from keeping an animal and to require the defendant as a condition of probation to get psychological counseling at the defendant's expense.

LD 1366

**An Act Regarding Qualifications of Land Use Regulation
Commissioners**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHIAH	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1366 proposed requiring the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation and forestry issues to determine that a person appointed to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission supports the purpose and scope of the commission prior to confirmation. It also proposed changing one of the areas of knowledge required of a LURC commissioner. Currently, four members must be knowledgeable in one of four areas: commerce and industry; fisheries and wildlife; forestry; and conservation. This bill proposed changing “conservation” to “conservation biology and forest ecology”.

LD 1395

Resolve, to Establish the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> VOLENIK	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1395 proposes a resolve to establish the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture. The resolve would charge the council with developing benchmarks and advising the Governor and Legislature concerning measurable benchmarks for sustainable silvicultural practices. The council would be directed to submit a draft report to the Legislature by October 15, 1998 and a final report by October 1, 1999. The Council terminates on October 1, 1999.

LD 1405

An Act to License Timber Harvesters and Deter Timber Trespassing

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
DESMOND

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1405 proposes requiring timber harvesters to obtain a license from the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry. It provides for the revocation of a license and makes a person ineligible for a license for a period of three years if that person unlawfully cuts trees on another person's land.

LD 1424

An Act to Allow ATV Use on Public Lands Not Specifically Designated as Primitive-use Land

PUBLIC 274

Sponsor(s)
RUHLIN

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-192

LD 1424 proposed requiring the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to establish a policy wherein the prudent use of ATV's would be allowed on public lands not designated as primitive-use lands.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-192) proposed removing the emergency provisions from the bill. It also proposed language to clarify that the required policy could limit the use of ATV's on certain public lands

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 274 requires the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to establish a policy that allows the prudent use of ATV's on public lands. The policy must be in place no later than June 1, 1998. The policy may limit the use of ATV's on some public lands. The bureau is not required to allow ATV use on land designated as primitive-use lands or land set aside for other uses incompatible with the use of ATV's.

LD 1430

An Act to Regulate Professional Loggers

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1430 proposes establishing the Maine State Board of Licensure for Professional Loggers as the regulatory body for the profession. The bill proposes qualifications for licensure including a two-year internship under the guidance of a licensed logger unless the person has graduated from an approved two-year curriculum and has completed at least two years of experience in logging work. Applicants would also have to pass a written examination approved by the board. The annual licensing fee would be determined by the board, but could not exceed \$55 annually.

Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12015, subsection 3, an evaluation of the need for regulation of loggers must be completed prior to enactment of this bill.

LD 1463**An Act to Regulate Camp Lot Leases****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROIS PARADIS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1463 proposed requirements for the leasing of camp lots. The bill proposed a definition of camp lot. Under the provisions proposed in LD 1463, leases of camp lots would have been for a period of five years and would have been renewable at the option of the lessee. The lessee would have been allowed to purchase the camp lot at the expiration of the lease. If the lessor decided to sell the camp lot, the lessee would have to be given the first option to purchase the camp lot at fair market value. The bill would have limited rental increases on camp lots to the average percentage in increase in the valuation of residential property in the unorganized territory.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-572) was the minority report of the Committee. It proposed amending the definition of camp lot to include only those lease lots where the lessee owned or was the mortgagee for the buildings on the lot. It proposed removing the provision in the original bill that required a lease to contain a provision permitting purchase of the lot. This amendment proposed prohibiting a lease provision that terminated the lease upon enactment of legislation relating to leases. This amendment also would have required a lessor who terminated a lease to compensate the lessee for improvements to the lot. The minority report was not adopted.

LD 1465**An Act to Limit Liquidation Harvesting****CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 1465 proposes requiring a permit for any harvesting of timber that would result in a clear-cut or understocked stand. The Department of Conservation would be authorized to grant permits only when harvesting was being proposed for one of four specified purposes. The bill proposes replacing the definitions section in the current forest practices laws, in particular, replacing the definition of “clear-cut” with a definition of “clear-cut or understocked stand” based on criteria set forth in stocking guides for the Northeast. This bill proposes a penalty section that increases the fines applicable for violations of forest harvesting regulations.

LD 1473**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Forest Practices****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASSIDY BARTH		

LD 1473 proposes to amend the laws governing forest practices by limiting the maximum land area that could be clear-cut in any year and by providing that an individual clear-cut could not exceed 50 acres in total area for forest ownerships of more than 500 acres.

The bill proposes to amend the provisions governing the process by which a municipality may propose to adopt or amend a timber harvesting ordinance. The bill proposes adding eight foresters to the Maine Forest Service in the Department of Conservation and requiring the department to hold 14 seminars per year, two at each of the seven campuses of the Maine Technical College System, to educate landowners and harvesters regarding forest practices.

LD 1518 Resolve, to Establish the Maine Forest Policy Round Table Study Commission CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1518 proposes a resolve to establish the Maine Forest Policy Round Table Study Commission. The resolve directs the commission to study key forest economic and labor issues. The commission is to directed to issue a report that assesses problems and makes recommendations for changes in the State's forestry policy. The commission is directed to submit its report and necessary implementing legislation to the 119th Legislature by January 1, 2000.

LD 1543 An Act to Restrict the First Day of Reservations for State Parks to Residents of the State Only ONTP

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

LD 1543 proposed requiring that each year the first day of reservations for overnight camping in state parks be set aside for receiving reservations by Maine residents.

LD 1646 An Act to Increase the Effectiveness of the Maine Blueberry Commission PUBLIC 511 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POVICH HARRIMAN	OTP-AM	H-444

LD 1646 proposed making the Maine Blueberry Commission a public instrumentality of the State. It also proposed changing the commission's name to the "Maine Wild Blueberry Commission" and changing references from "blueberries" to "wild blueberries." The bill also proposed amending the terms of members of the commission so that terms would end on August 31st and would be staggered.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-444) proposed changing the name of the commission from the "Maine Wild Blueberry Commission" to the "Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine." It proposed clarifying that a grower who

processes less than 1,000,000 pounds of wild blueberries in a year may serve on the commission as a grower representative.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 511 makes the Maine Blueberry Commission a public instrumentality of the State. It changes the commission's name to the " Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine" and changing references from "blueberries" to "wild blueberries." It allows a grower who processes less than 1,000,000 pounds of wild blueberries in a year to serve on the commission as a grower representative and provides for staggered terms for commission members. The effective date is June 12, 1997.

LD 1686

An Act to Permit the Retail Sale of Smoked Alewives

PUBLIC 439

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-613

LD 1686 proposed allowing alewives smoked without removing the viscera to be offered for sale. Currently regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources prohibit the sale of alewives smoked without removing the viscera.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-613) was the majority report of the committee. It proposed adding a requirement for a person selling alewives smoked with their viscera to post a sign advising consumers to cook them prior to eating.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 439 allows alewives smoked without removing the viscera to be offered for sale. It requires a person selling alewives smoked with their viscera to post a sign advising consumers to cook them prior to eating.

LD 1726

An Act to Minimize Reliance on Pesticides

PUBLIC 389

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-272

LD 1726 proposed to establish the Special Advisory Committee on Pesticides Reduction of the Board of Pesticides Control. The committee would have been charged with studying and making recommendations to the board and the Legislature regarding methods to accomplish incremental reductions in the volumes of pesticides sold and applied so that for the year 2002 a reduction of 33% over 1996 levels would have been achieved. It also proposed requiring the board to adopt rules to achieve a 33% reduction by 2003 if the reduction were not achieved for 2002.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-272) was the majority report of the committee. It proposed to replace the original resolve and to direct the agencies of the State to promote integrated pest management and to work with private

interests to determine other appropriate actions. It proposed directing the State Board of Pesticides Control to study ways to improve the usefulness of report information and to publish an annual report on pesticides sales and sector of use wherever possible.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-273) was the minority report of the committee. It proposed to replace the original resolve and direct the State and agencies of the State to determine actions to reduce reliance on pesticides. It proposed requiring the State Board of Pesticides Control to strengthen reporting procedures for data collection on pesticide sales and use; directing the board to implement rules necessary for efficient data collection; requiring the board to publish an annual report on pesticides sales and use. The amendment also proposed stating that the policy of the State is to use fewer or less toxic pesticides. The minority report was not adopted.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 389 directs the agencies of the State to promote integrated pest management and to work with private interests to determine other appropriate actions. It directs the State Board of Pesticides Control to study ways to improve the usefulness of report information and to publish an annual report on pesticides sales and sector of use wherever possible.

LD 1746 **An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Development and Centralized Listing of Municipal Ordinances That Apply to Forest Practices** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY GREEN		

LD 1746 proposes amending the laws relating to development of municipal timber harvesting ordinances by requiring the ordinances to be consistent with the definitions for forestry terms established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 8868 as well as those in rules adopted by the Department of Conservation. It proposes clarifying that a municipality may not adopt an ordinance with standards less stringent than the standards established in state law and rules adopted in accordance with state law. It proposes changes to the notice and hearing procedures for adopting municipal timber harvesting ordinances and specifying a 30-day period within which the validity of the adoption of a timber harvesting ordinance may be challenged based on an alleged failure to comply with certain notice requirements.

LD 1766 **An Act to Improve Management of Maine's Forests** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 1766 proposes to establish a new forest policy for the State. It proposes to establish a permit-by-rule procedure for clear-cutting, to increase the minimum basal area required for a timber harvest not to qualify as a clear-cut, to require that clear-cutting have a silvicultural justification and to set limitations on the size and arrangement of clear-cuts, with some exemptions provided for smaller holdings. The bill also proposes establishing the Sustainable Forest Management Audit Program within the Department of Conservation for ownerships greater than 100,000

acres in size to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of timber sustainability, the economic viability of forest management and the State's forest biodiversity. It proposes changes to the Bureau of Forestry's natural resource education program and directs the bureau's natural resource educator to develop partnerships and funding sources for creating new natural resource education initiatives for the public.

The bill proposes authorization of an ecological forest reserve on public lands, totaling between 8,000 and 10,000 acres. It also would direct the Maine Forest Service to undertake a study of liquidation harvesting and make recommendations to further restrict the practice.

LD 1809 Resolve, Authorizing the Exchange and Sale of Certain Public Lands RESOLVE 52

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PARADIS BELANGER D	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-295
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LD 1809 proposed authorizing the sale of certain parcels of public land under control of the Bureau of Parks and Lands.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-295) proposed a technical amendment, adding a cross-reference to the preamble of the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 52 authorizes sale of the State's common and undivided 3/4 interest in approximately 54 acres located in the Town of Fort Kent. The State has entered into a purchase and sale contract with an abutting landowner to sell the State's common and undivided interest for \$12,800, which exceeds fair market value. It authorizes the sale of approximately 0.63 acres and associated buildings in the Town of Ashland and the sale of approximately 40 acres of undeveloped land in the Town of Solon. This resolve also authorizes the sale of one lot approximately 1/4 acre in size in Little Squaw Township. This conveyance resolves a long-standing boundary line matter involving the abutting landowner. Revenues generated by these sales will be used to purchase land containing more significant natural resources and public use values elsewhere in Aroostook County, Somerset County and Piscataquis County.

LD 1852 An Act to Reorganize and Clarify the Laws Relating to the Establishment, Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Parks and Lands CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY BUNKER	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1852 proposes clarifying the establishment, powers and duties of the new Bureau of Parks and Lands without altering the essential missions, powers and purposes of the 2 former bureaus. The bill does not propose any new rule-making authority to the bureau. This bill proposes repealing certain provisions of law and consolidating

various bureau programs into one chapter, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 220. Public Law 1995, Chapter 502, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Productivity Realization Task Force, combined the Bureau of Public Lands and the Bureau of Parks and Recreation within the Department of Conservation. Section E-9 of P.L. 502 directed the Department of Conservation to review relevant statutes for the two bureaus and submit a proposal to the Legislature for a unified statute on the establishment, powers and duties of the Bureau of Parks and Lands.

The bill does not propose altering the essential purposes and practices of the bureau's programs as established in current law. The bill does propose the following substantive changes from current law:

1. Consent of the Commissioner of Conservation is added to that of the Governor for the charging of user fees, acquisition and conveyance of state parks and historic sites, the granting of licenses and permits for use of state park and historic site lands, and acquisition of land for the Maine Trails System.
2. The bureau is given specific authority to transfer management of state park and historic site lands to other agencies or accept such responsibility from other agencies with the consent of the Commissioner of Conservation and the Governor.
3. Language is deleted that prohibits searches of dwellings and railroad cars.
4. Specific authority is given to the bureau to administer the Forest Recreation Resource Fund and to receive income from campsites administered under this program on all lands within its jurisdiction for that fund, which presently receives income only from bureau lands.
5. Language is added to existing law to clarify that administration of the state park campsite reservation system by a private contractor is permissible.
6. Obsolete language is deleted regarding control of fires, real estate subject to flowage, lifeguard training, an official bureau seal and care of certain properties transferred from the Federal Government.
7. A general policy on public access to nonreserved lands is added similar to the one that already exists for public reserved lands.
8. It establishes that the Nonreserved Public Lands Management Fund accrues interest in the same manner as the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.
9. It requires the director to give notice of proposed sales of nonreserved public lands similar to the notice required for public reserved lands.
10. To be consistent with penalties for violation of rules on other bureau lands, violation of rules regarding the Allagash Wilderness Waterway is changed from a civil violation to a Class E crime.
11. Permitted use of the ATV Recreational Management Fund is expanded to include land purchases for use as ATV trails.

The bill also proposes reference changes in the Maine Revised Statutes to coincide with the new chapter, updates obsolete language and makes technical corrections. It also removes reference to specific punishments for Class E crimes.

Sponsor(s)
PARADIS

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1874 proposes establishing limits on swine feeding operations located within jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. It is based on South Carolina law. It proposes provisions for permitting of animal-feeding operations. It proposes minimum separation distances between waste storage ponds and land owned by another person, drinking water wells, and bodies of water. It would prohibit locating a new animal feeding operation in the 100-year floodplain unless certain conditions are met and certifications received. It would require the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to adopt rules relating to land application rates for animal wastes for animal-feeding operations that exceed a certain capacity. It proposes directing the commission to require remediation of undesirable levels of odor.

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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