
Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 1816

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/29/10 1:00 PM Rm228 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Proponent with Qualifications

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a Bond Issue for Ratification by the Voters for the June 2010 Election To Create Jobs in the State. (Sen. President Mitchell, Kennebec) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (After Deadline) (The bill creates jobs in Maine by authorizing a June 2010 referendum on a \$99,170,000 bond issue to support drinking water programs and to support Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund \$2,120,000; Waste Water State Rev Loan Fund \$3,050,000; Overboard Dischge/Underground Oil Tks \$1,500,000; K-12 School Renov/Energy Improve \$15,000,000; Higher Ed Grants for Energy Improve \$5,000,000; Highway Construction \$47,500,000; Rail, Aroostook&Androscoggin \$25,000,000. Requirements for the awarding of bond funds by the Efficiency Maine Trust energy program under the authority of the PUC.) **(DEAD)**

Archived NO

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 1826

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/29/10 1:00 PM Rm228 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority OPT-AM/Minority ONTP

AMENDMENT # H-830, S-546

LAW # **Public Law Chapter 645**

ARCH. POSITION: Oppose

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize Bond Issues for Ratification by he Voters for the June 2010 Election. (Governor's Bill) (Rep. Cain, Orono) (Appropriations Comm) (The Gov's job creation bond package focusses heavily on transportation, including \$62 million for highway, port and rail projects. Also includes \$17 million for environmental and energy projects, which includes \$5 million for large energy efficiency and conservation projects that focus on the industrial and commercial sections. Total package approx. \$79 million.) **(Emergency) (Goes to Referendum on June 8, 2010)**

Archived NO

Category Business, Research Economic Dev
LD # 1
PUBLIC HEARING: 3/31/09 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB
COMMITTEE ACTION: *Majority: OTP-AM/Minority ONTP
AMENDMENT # S-378
LAW # Public Law Chapter 633
ARCH. POSITION: Monitor
ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Stimulate Capital Investment for Innovate Businesses in Maine. (Sen. Mills, Somerset) (BRED Comm) (The bill is modeled on statutes of other states. Amendment replaces the bill with a small initiative to encourage, but not require, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to invest in venture capital funds hat are seeking to invest in Maine businesses in the targeted technology sectors. Establishes an innovation finance program authorized the Finance Authority of Maine to approve refundable tax credits equal to up to 80% of certain investments by the retirement system in venture capital funds that the authority determines will give strong consideration to investing in Maine businesses. Tax credits under this program are limited to \$20,000,000.) (Carried Over)
*OTP-AM report enacted and bill on the Appropriation's table

Archived NO

Category Business, Research Economic Dev
LD # 272
PUBLIC HEARING: 2/24/10 9:30 AM Rm208CSOB
COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority ONTP/ Minority OTP-AM
AMENDMENT # H-760
LAW #
ARCH. POSITION: Monitor
ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To License Home Building and Improvement Contractors. (Rep. MacDonald, Boothbay) (BRED Comm) (This bill creates the Maine Home Contractor Licensing Act. The bill contains provisions concerning: requirements for licensure of general contractors and persons who perform framing, roofing, siding insulating, window work or chimney work, if the work concerns residential dwellings; certain specific exemptions from licensure; required qualifications for general and specialty licenses; requirements for criminal and financial disclosures; creation of the Maine Home Contractor Licensing Board; and fees for licensing.) (Minority report amendment replaces the bill creating the Maine Residential Builders and Specialty Contractors and establishes their Board under Prof & Fin Reg, Office of Licensing & Registration.) **(DEAD)**

Archived NO

Category Business, Research Economic Dev

LD # 1389

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/5/09 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: MAJ OTP-AM/MIN ONTP

AMENDMENT # S-353

LAW # Public Law Ch. 483

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Create State and Regional Quality of Place Investment Strategies for High-value Jobs, Products and Services in Maine. (Sen. Damon, Hancock) (Governor's Bill) (BRED Comm) (Establishes the Maine Quality of Place Council to act as a coordinating body for state and regional quality of place investment strategies. It will award annually Maine Quality of Place Prosperity Awards recognizing the preservation, enhancing and marketing of Maine's quality of place assets to the Council, engage in public education regarding asset-planning and development districts to aid them in development of regional quality of place investment strategies.) (carried over)(**Amended new title An Act To Create Regional Quality of Place investment Strategies for High-value Jobs, Produces and Services in Maine.**)

Archived NO

Category Business, Research Economic Dev

LD # 1572

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/14/10 1:00 PM Rm208 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW # Public Law Ch. 465

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Correct Errors in the Laws Relating to Unlicensed Practice and Other Provisions of the Professional and Occupational Licensing Laws. (Rep. Smith, Monmouth) (BRED Comm) (Submitted by the Dept of Professional & Financial Reg) (Clarifies the application of those provisions to regulatory functions of the office at the level of a board or commission.)

Archived NO

Category Business, Research Economic Dev

LD # 1608

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/21/10 2:30 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-658

LAW # **Resolve Chapter 191**

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Establish an Office of Administrative Law Judges for Licensing Boards. (Rep. Smith, Monmouth) (BRED Comm) (This bill establishes the Independent Office of Administrative Law Judges to decide cases related to licensing complaints from licensing boards under the Dept of Professional and Financial Regulation.) **(Amended New Title: Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study the Complaint Resolution Process.)**(The amend replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Commissioner of P&FR, in consultation with interested parties inc the ME Regulatory Fairness Board, to conduct a study of the need to est protocols for the resolution of complaints made to occupational and professional lic boards within and affiliated with the Dept. of P&FR. Recommendations to BRED Comm which can submit a bill to the 1st session of 125th Leg.) (Fiscal Note)(2nd Amend removes submittal authority)

Category Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD # 1497

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/7/10 1:00 PM Rm436 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # S-377, H-701

LAW # **Public Law Chapter 551**

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. (Sen. Diamond, Cumberland) (CJ&PS Comm) **(Emergency)** (Smoke detectors are required in all rental units and required upon transfer of a dwelling to a new owner. The buyer of any single-family dwelling or multifamily apartment building must install carbon monoxide detectors and certify that the buyer has done so. Carbon Monoxide detectors in rental units, new construction and dwellings that are transferred to new owners are required to be powered by both electrical service and by battery)(The amendment removes the exemption for hotels, motels, inns or B&Bs from the requirement for rental units to have carbon monoxide detectors. This allows the State Fire Marshal the ability to require carbon monoxide detectors in these facilities through rulemaking. Detectors to be installed according to manufacturer's requirements at time of installation.)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 1686

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/26/10 1:00 PM Rm202CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-660, S-437

LAW # **Resolve Chapter 182**

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Allow Minor Capital School Improvement Projects To Be Permitted Costs under Essential Programs and Services. (Rep. Rotundo, Lewiston) (Education & Cultural Affairs Comm)(Emergency) **(Amended New Title: Resolve, To Clarify the Reporting of Debt Service Costs and the Allowance of Minor Capital School Improvement Projects Costs under Essential Programs and Services)**(Education Commissioner directed to convene a stakeholder group to review current state law related to recognizing, funding and approving non-state-funded debt service costs inured for minor capital school improvement projects. Commissioner shall report findings & recommendations to the Leg's Education Committee by Jan 15, 2011. The Committee may submit a bill to the 125th Legislature.)(Fiscal Note)(The second amend removes authority for the Education Comm to submit legislation to the 125th Legislature.)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 1764

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass

AMENDMENT # S-359

LAW # **Resolve Chapter 151**

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, To Support the Development of Maine's Economic Future by Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education. (Sen. Alford, Cumberland for the Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) **(Emergency)** (This resolve directs the Dept of Education, in consultation with the Univ of Maine System and the Maine Community College System, to conduct a study and develop a strategic plan for science, technology, engineering and mathematics learning in preparation for the State application for federal funding for federal funding under the Race to the Top competitive grant est under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Also directs the DOE to review existing state leaning standards for K-12 to determine if students have the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge as part of national assessment of tech literacy beginning in 2012.)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 1801

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/4/10 1:00 PM Rm202CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority: OTP-AM/Minority OTP-AM

AMENDMENT # S-455, H-800

LAW # Public Law Chapter 616

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Promote the Establishment of Innovative Schools. (Sen. Alford, Cumberland) (Governor's Bill) (Education & Cultural Affairs Committee) **(Emergency)** (This bill enables school administrative units to establish innovative schools that meet the requirements of the federal Race to the Top Assessment Program application. The bill also requires that all applicable state statutory and regulatory requirements be met by school administrative units that establish innovative schools.)

Archived NO

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 1820

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/23/10 1:30 PM Rm202CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority: ONTP/Minority: OTP-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Exempt Certain Necessary School Auxiliary Buildings for New Heating Systems from Referendum Requirements. (Rep. Tardy, Newport) (Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) (After Deadline) (Emergency) (This bill exempts the construction of a school's auxiliary building for the housing of a heating system from the public referendum requirement.) (The Section 1. 20-A MRSA #15904 "Prior to final approval by the state board, a school construction project, except a small school school construction project as defined in section 15902 or the construction or the construction of an auxiliary building for the housing of a heating system, must receive a favorable vote conducted in accordance with the following.") **(DEAD)**

Archived NO

Category Health & Human Services

LD # 1742

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/5/10 9:00 AM Rm214CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW # Resolve Chapter 164

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 232: Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services. (Rep. Perry of Calais for Dept. of Health & Human Services) (**Emergency**) (Providing for legislative review)

Archived NO

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 1773

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/24/10 1:00 PM Rm 427 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # S-431

LAW # Public Law Chapter 578

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Improve Dental Insurance Coverage for Maine Children. (Sen. Alford, Cumberland) (Insurance & Financial Services Comm) (After Deadline) (The amendment replaces the bill. It requires dental insurance policies, contracts and certificates that provide coverage of dependent children to allow the opportunity to enroll a dependent child in dental insurance coverage during the first 30 days of the child's life and any open or annual enrollment period. The provisions of this amendment apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed on or after January 1, 2011.)

Archived NO

Category Labor

LD # 1665

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/14/10 1:00 PM Rm220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: **Majority: ONTP/Minority OTP-AM**

AMENDMENT # S-470 (**Indefinitely Postponed**)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Prevent the Spread of H1N1. (Senate President Mitchell) (Labor Comm) (Requires an employer to give a max. of 52 accrued hours of paid sick leave per year to any employee who is employed by a large business employer and a max. of 26 accrued paid sick leave hours per year to any employee who is employed by a small business employer. Paid sick leave is accrued from the first day of employment and can be used on the 90th day and thereafter. Earned paid sick leave may be used by an employee during an absence from employment due to the illness of an employee or illness of an employee's family member, if the employees place of business is closed due to a public health emergency, if an employee needs to care for a dependent whose school or place of care has been closed due to a public health emergency, for the purpose of an employe accessing necessary preventive health care...) (**DEAD**)

Category Labor

LD # 1815

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: ***

AMENDMENT #

LAW # **Public Law Chapter 569**

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Clarify the Construction Subcontractor Status of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992. (Rep. Tuttle of Sanford for the Labor Comm) (Labor Comm) (**Emergency**)(Clarifies construction subcontractor status for purposes of the Maine Workers' Comp Act of 1992 by making the predetermination status valid for one year. The predetermination creates a rebuttal presumption that the determination is correct in any later claim for benefits under the Maine Workers' Comp Act of 92. The bill does not require a worker, an employer or workers' comp insurance carrier to request predetermination. Fiscal Note
***House Vote--Passed to be enacted.
Unfinished business in the Senate

Category Natural Resources

LD # 891

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/24/09 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority: OTP-AM/Minority: ONTP

AMENDMENT # S-386, H-801

LAW # **Resolve Chapter 206**

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Site Location of Development Laws To Include Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. (Sen. Goodall, Sagadahoc for the DEP) (Natural Resources Comm) (**Amended New Title: Resolve, To Develop Standards and Practices for Developments of State and Regional Significance in Order To Reduce Dependency on Imported Fossil Fuels and Meet the State's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals**)(The amendment replaces the bill with a Resolve. It directs the DEP, in consultation with others, to compile from existing sources a set of standards for the design and operation of developments subject to the site location of development laws such that the emissions of a building designed, constructed and operated under the standards will be carbon-neutral. Also directs DEP to evaluate the energy performance of the Maine Uniform Building & Energy Codes to see if diff standards...)

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1423

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/30/09 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-712

LAW # **Public Law Chapter 579**

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Improve Toxics Use Reduction and Reduce Energy Costs by Maine Businesses. (Rep. Treat, Hallowell) (Natural Resources Comm) (Submitted by the DEP) (The amendment replaces the bill. It directs the DEP to establish by rule a list of priority toxic chemical by July 1, 2011, and to review the list at least every 3 years. Commercial and industrial facilities that use in excess of 1,000 lbs of a priority toxic chemical per year are required by July 1, 2012, to develop a pollution prevention plan or environmental management system and by July 1, 2013, to begin filing annual usage reports with the department. Information contained in the report may be classified as confidential. Requires the dept. to develop a technical assistance program and authorizes the dept. to develop a recognition programs. It also authorizes the dept. to exempt facilities from the requirements of the law. Requires DEP to submit to Nat Res Comm a report on rev fee structure by 1/2013.)

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1527

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/8/10 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW # Resolve Chapter 148

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 692: Siting of Oil Storage Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. (Rep. Duchesne of Hudson, for the DEP) **(Emergency)** (This resolve provides for the legislative review)

Archived NO

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1538

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/8/10 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-665

LAW # Public Law Chapter 537

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Close Loopholes in Environmental Laws. (Rep. Welsh, Rockport) (Submitted by DEP)(Natural Resources Comm) (Clarifies the "permit shield" provision of the waste discharge law to replace a reference to "this chapter" with a reference to the relevant sections. Also clarifies the forest management exemption of the storm water management law to include some language from a similar exemption in the Natural Resources Protection Act. Provides that when a municipal planning board is determining whether 2 or more contiguous nonconforming lots must be treated as a single lot under shoreland zoning because they are owned by the same person, the planning board may consider whether the same person owns or has a financial interest in both lots..Also clarifies the exemption from the Natural Resources Protection Act for road construction used primarily for forest mngmt activ) (Amend deletes guidance to municipal plan. boards...)

Archived NO

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1553

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/8/10 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-631

LAW # Public Law Chapter 506

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Facilitate Establishment of Watershed Districts. (Rep. Eberle, So. Portland) (Natural Resources Comm) (This bill facilitates establishment of watershed districts to address urban-impaired streams in 2 ways. It amends the laws governing site location of development to authorize the DEP to make a finding that the storm water management standards are met if a redevelopment project is located in a watershed with an approved management plan and the project's owner or operator has entered into an agreement or has obtained the approval and permits necessary. The bill amends the laws governing coastal and lake watershed districts to clarify that the laws provide on way of establishing a watershed district and that, alternatively, one or more municipalities may create a watershed district under municipal home rule authority or under interlocal cooperation authority.)(Amendment adds **EMERGENCY** Preamble and Minor Fiscal Note)

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1603

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/8/10 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # S-362

LAW # Public Law Chapter 501

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. (Sen. Goodall, Sagadahoc) (Natural Resources Comm) (Submitted by the DEP) (Housekeeping bill address laws governing oil discharges, oil storage tanks and Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund. Also expands the enforcement options available to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection when addressing violation of the lead abatement laws. Also includes lead dust sampling technicians , hazardous waste and the laws governing wellhead protection to make it clear that an abandoned underground oil storage facility located within a wellhead protection zone may not be replaced.)(The amendment specifies that a municipality may appropriate funds to repair a private road, way or bridge for the purpose of protecting or restoring a great pond.)

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1631

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/22/10 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-673

LAW # Public Law Chapter 516

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Provide Leadership Regarding the Responsible Recycling of Consumer Products. (Rep. Innes, Yarmouth) (Natural Resources Comm) (The amendment replaces the bill. It authorizes the DEP to submit on an annual basis a report to the Natural Resources Comm matters on products and product categories that when generated as waste may be appropriately managed under a product stewardship program. The amendment authorizes the Natural Resources Comm to submit annually a bill to establish new product stewardship programs or revise existing product stewardship programs after the Committee's review of the DEP report.)(An environmental priority bill which positions Maine to pursue product stewardship in solid waste management strategies. Rec'd a unanimous roll call. Incorporates a 30-day public comment period before DEP's proposal go to lawmakers allowing manufacturers to weigh in on Stewardship Programs.)

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1633

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/22/10 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-629 **(DEAD)**

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Expand Eligibility of Certain Municipal Landfills To Participate in the State's Remediation and Closure Program. (Rep. Johnson, Greenville) (Natural Resources Comm) (Allows municipal landfills that were allowed to remain in operation after Jan 1, 200, but are subsequently ordered closed or encapsulated by Dec. 31, 2014, because they do not meet current environmental protection standards to receive funding from the State's remediation and closure program for a portion of closure costs if funding is available.)(The amendment strikes the provision in the bill that allows licensed municipal landfills to use reduced closure procedures. Also makes the State's cost-share program for municipal landfill closure applicable to municipal landfills that were originally licensed on or before Sept. 1989, and contingent on a finding that the landfill is contaminating groundwater and that corrective actions have not been successful. Includes fiscal note) **DEAD**

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1699

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/29/10 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-655

LAW # Public Law Chapter 522

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Update and Modernize Maine's Floodplain Mapping. (Rep. Legg, Kennebunk) (Natural Resources Comm) (This bill provides a General Fund appropriation to the State Planning Office of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2010-11 to update and modernize the State's floodplain maps.) (The amendment replaces the bill and establishes the Floodplain Mapping Fund for the purpose of providing funds for the mapping of floodplains in the State. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section and it also adds an emergency preamble and **Emergency** clause to the bill.)

Archived NO

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1725

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/29/10 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority: OTP-AM/Minority: OTP-AM

AMENDMENT # ,H-678, S-493, S-506

LAW # Resolve Chapter 208

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Section 10: Stream Crossings within Chapter 305 Permit by Rule Standards, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. (Rep. Duchesne of Hudson, for the DEP) (This resolve provides for the legislative review)(The amendment authorizes portions of Section 10 but delays the effective date of the rule to Jan 1, 2012. Also directs the DEP with the DOT & other agencies to conduct a series of meetings with municipal public works officials to provide training, information and opportunities to evaluate crossings subject to the requirements of the rule. DEP & DOT are to report to Natural Resources on the outreach and field work activities. undertaken by the depts. and on the impact of the rule by Jan 5, 2011. Natural Resources Comm authorized to submit a bill to the First Reg. Session of the 125 Legislature suggesting revisions to the rule.) (Minority-Denies authority)

Archived NO

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1787

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/2/10 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # S-403

LAW # Public Law Chapter 602

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Recently Proposed Revisions to Certain Rules Adopted Pursuant to the Site Location of Development Laws. (Sen. Goodall, Sagadahoc) (Natural Resources Comm) (After Deadline) (Requires that rules adopted by the DEP pursuant to the site location of development laws after Jan 1, 2010, and before Jan 1, 2012, are major substantive rules, except for storm water management rules, which remain routine technical rules. Any major substantive rules provisionally adopted for the site location of development laws in 2010 must be submitted to the Natural Resources Committee. All rules adopted after Jan 1, 2012, are routine technical rules) (Amendment adds **New Title: An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Recently Proposed Revisions to Certain Rules adopted Pursuant to the Site Location of Devel Laws and the Storm Water Management Laws And Emergency clause & FN**)

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1794

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/9/10 1:45 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Regarding Solid Waste Facilities. (Rep. Duchesne of Hudson for the Natural Resources Committee) (The bill amends the law that prohibits expansion of commercial solid waste disposal facilities by authorizing a commercial landfill that is not under an order or agreement to close to expand if the proposed expansion is contiguous with the existing facility and is located on property owned by the person holding the commercial solid waste facility license. Current law requires that the proposed expansion be contiguous with the existing facility and be located on property owned on Dec. 31, 1989, by the licensee or by a corporation or other business entity under common ownership or control with the licensee.) (**DEAD**)

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1797

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/9/10 1:45 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Regarding Planning for the Management of Solid Waste. (Rep. Duchesne of Hudson for the Natural Resources Committee) (The bill moves the responsibility for preparing the state solid waste management and recycling plan and staffing the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council from the State Planning Office to the Department of Environmental Protection.) **(DEAD)**

Archived NO

Category Natural Resources

LD # 1827

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/29/10 12:30 Rm 436 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-822

LAW # **Resolve Chapter 211**

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program. (Rep. Martin, Eagle Lake) (Natural Resources Com) (After Deadline) (Amends the premium on motor oil to raise additional revenue for deposit in the Waste Motor Oil Revenue Fund. It authorizes FAME to directly reimburse the DEP for its costs to clean up the Presque Isle waste motor oil disposal site. Directs FAME to pay proceeds of the revenue obligation securities issued under the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program at the following sites--Plymouth, Ellsworth, Casco and Presque Isle.)Amend replaces the bill and adds a **New Title: Resolve,To Review the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program. Requires** the DEP to coordinate a review that includes the participation of a stakeholder group of the waste motor oil disposal site remediation program. Submit a report to Natural Resources Comm by Dec 1/2010)

Archived NO

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1569

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/20/10 9:30 AM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority: OTP-AM/Minority: ONTP

AMENDMENT # H-654

LAW # Public Law Chapter 549

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Clarify the Informed Growth Act. (Rep. Beaudette, Biddeford) (State & Local Government Comm) (**Emergency**) (This bill amends the Informed Growth Act by providing that the Informed Growth Act applies only to permits or approvals for new construction and that a change of use permit is not considered a land use permit requiring evaluation under the Informed Growth Act.)(The amendment replaces the bill. It exempts a retail business establishment from the Informed Growth Act if that establishment is proposing to occupy an exiting building in which the most recent occupant was a large-scale retail development as long as there is no proposed increase greater than 20,000 square feet in gross floor area. It also clarifies that the definition of "large-scale retail development" under the Informed growth act does not include renovation of an existing building.)

Archived NO

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1717

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/28/10 1:00 PM Rm211CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-745

LAW # Public Law Chapter 591

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Increase the Affordability of Clean Energy for Homeowners and Businesses. (Rep. Crockett, Augusta) (State & Local Gov't Comm) (**Emergency**) (The amendment replaces the bill. It enacts the **Property Assessed Clean Energy Act**, or **PACE Act**, which authorizes the Efficiency Maine Trust and municipalities to est property assessed clean energy programs, referred to as PACE programs, under which property owners may voluntarily finance energy savings improvements on qualifying property through a specific mortgage, called a PACE mortgage, and repay that mortgage through an assessment on the property, called a PACE assessment. It permits a municipality that has adopted a PACE ordinance to administer a PACE program. It requires the trust to convene a stakeholder group to review & make recommendations RE the implementation of PACE programs. Review to consider state policy goal of weatherizing res & biz by 2030)

Archived NO

Category Transportation

LD # 1639

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COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-699,S-441

LAW # Public Law Chapter 648

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Stimulate the Maine Economy and Promote the Development of Maine's Priority Transportation Infrastructure Needs. (Rep. Mac Donald, Boothbay) (Transportation Comm) (The amendment replaces the bill. The purpose is to stimulate the Maine economy by allowing the DOT to receive and solicit proposals and, with legislative approval, enter into agreements with private entities for the building, ownership, leasing or financing of certain transportation facilities. Makes changes to the design-build procurement statutes for the DOT and includes a Fiscal Note)

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Category Utilities & Energy

LD # 1222

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COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # S-369

LAW # Resolve Chapter 161

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Promote Geothermal Energy in the State. (Sen. Diamond, Cumberland) (Utilities & Energy Comm) (The amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft, with a resolve. It directs the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security to examine policy options and develop recommendations to promote and provide incentives for the installation of residential geothermal heating and cooling systems, particularly in multifamily residences. Requires this Office by Jan 15/2011, to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including draft legislation to the Utilities & Energy Leg Committee and authorizes this Comm to submit a bill relating to the report to the 1st Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. **NEW TITLE: Resolve, To Promote Geothermal Energy**)

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Category Utilities & Energy

LD # 1504

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COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # S-501, S-516, S-511, H-829

LAW # Public Law Chapter 642

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

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TITLE & SPONSOR

New Title: An Act To Provide Predictable Benefits to Maine Communities That Host Wind Energy Developments. (Sen. Mills, Somerset) (Utilities & Energy Comm) (The amendment replaces the bill. It requires applicants for expedited wind energy developments to provide detailed documentation of tangible benefits to be provided. Requires applicant to establish a community benefits package in an amount of no less than \$4000 per year per wind turbine. Provides certain exceptions from the community benefits package requirement. Specifies that community benefit agreement payments to counties acting as host communities may be used for projects and programs of public benefit located anywhere within that county. Amends the law governing appeals of final actions of the DEP Commissioner, BEP and Maine LURC regarding an application for an expedited wind energy development.)

Category Utilities & Energy

LD # 1535

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COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-695

LAW # Public Law Chapter 539

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

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TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Create a Smart Grid Policy in the State. (Rep. Hinck, Portland) (Utilities & Energy Comm)(**Emergency**) (Establishes a state policy on smart grid infrastructure including employment of a smart grid to improve power reliability as well as the overall efficiency of the power resource and delivery system while reducing energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and costs to consumers, in part by offering consumers greater choice and information about their electricity consumption.) (Amendment makes several changes including definition of smart grid to smart grid coordinator. Modifies the States smart grid policy to focus on the smart grid as a means of improving reliability and efficiency and reducing ratepayers costs. Authorizes PUC to adopt rules regarding the implementation of smart grid functions in the State and specifies those rules as routine technical rules...)

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COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-609

LAW # **Resolve Chapter 152**

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

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TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, To Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Energy Systems. (Rep. Nelson, Falmouth) (Utilities & Energy Comm) (**Emergency**) (Directs the PUC, energy programs division to review the qualifications required for a rebate for installation of solar energy systems under the Maine Revised Statutes and report to the Legislature's Utilities and Energy Committee with recommendations on whether those requirements are appropriate for ensuring proper installation of solar energy systems. The report is due within 30 days of the effective date of this resolve, and the committee is authorized to introduce a bill on this matter to the 2d Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.)(Amendment limits the scope of the review of installation requirements for solar rebates to the installation req for solar photovoltaic systems. **NEW TITLE: Resolve, To Review Certification Requirements for Installation of Solar Photovoltaic**

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LD # 1581

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AMENDMENT # H-700, H-739

LAW # **Public Law Chapter 179**

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TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Concerning Electricity Customers Whose Bills Increase as a Result of the Implementation of Energy Conservation or Energy Efficiency Measures. (Rep. Fitts, Pittsfield) (Utilities & Energy Comm) (Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate) (The amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. **New Title: Resolve, Regarding Commercial Electricity Customers Whose Bills Increased after a Decrease in Electricity Use.** Addresses those commercial electricity customers that experienced higher electricity bills after a decrease in electricity use and that have been found to be eligible for the best rate option in the PUC's investigation. Requires that those particular commercial customers receive credits for the difference.)(The 2nd amendment ensures that the cost of customer credits required by this resolve are recoverable by the utility.)

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COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-675

LAW # Public Law Chapter 518

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

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TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Enhance Maine's Clean Energy Opportunities. (Rep. Berry, Bowdoinham) (Utilities & Energy Comm) (**Emergency**) (Directs the PUC to direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into long-term contracts for capacity resources and any available energy associated with such resources to the extent necessary to meet the energy efficiency targets articulated in the Efficiency Maine Trust's triennial plan. It specifies when the commission need not conduct a competitive solicitation for contracts for energy efficiency capacity resources and amends the laws governing contracts for capacity resources and related energy.)(Amendment adds a provision to allow long-term contracts for renewable energy credits assoc. with capacity resources. Removes requirement that the PUC direct investor-owned transmission & distribution utilities. Changes provision regarding competitive solicitation for contracts...)(Minor Fiscal Note)

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LD # 1680

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COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # S-370

LAW # Public Law Chapter 492

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

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TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Assist in Reviewing Wind Energy Applications. (Sen. Hobbins, York) (Utilities and Energy Comm) (Submitted by the Dept of Conservation) (Amends the laws governing the siting of wind energy developments. It makes certain provisions of the laws governing the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission consistent wit the corresponding provisions applicable to the DEP. Provisions allow the commission to require a preapplication notice of filing; allow the commission to require an applicant to attend a public meeting during the review of a wind energy development; allow the commission to extend the processing time with the consent of the applicant; and clarify that, in certain circumstances, associated facilities are not subject to the same time limit. Clarifies that the provisions of law reading a development's effects on scenic character apply to all wind energy developments...)(Amendment adds an **Emergency** Preamble & Appropriations)

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LD # 1696

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AMENDMENT # H-730

LAW # Public Law Chapter 565

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

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TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Strengthen the Community-based Renewable Energy Pilot Program. (Rep. Adams, Portland) (Utilities & Energy Comm)(**Emergency**) (The amendment replaces the draft, which was a concept draft. It makes community-based renewable energy projects eligible for funds from the voluntary Renewable Resource Fund for community demonstration projects. It also transfers all duties regarding the admin of the RRF to the Efficiency Maine Trust as of July 1/2010, instead of having responsibilities for that fund div between the trust and the PUC. It specifies that under the community-based renewable energy pilot prog, the municipal leg body can delegate to its municipal officers the authority to pass the req resolution of support for a comm-based renewable energy project. As of 7-1-10, community-based renew energy projects can't to be eligible to apply for funding from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund as nonelectric savings programs...)

Category Utilities & Energy

LD # 1786

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AMENDMENT # H-809, S-549

LAW # Pubic Law Chapter 655

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TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Regarding Energy Infrastructure Development. (Rep. Hinck, Portland, for the Comm on Utilities and Energy) (Amends the laws governing energy infrastructure corridors to designate several state-owned energy infrastructure corridors as "statutory corridors" and to continue a petition process for "petitioned corridors." Establishes a process for the State to use when entering into occupancy agreements for construction and development of energy infrastructure within statutory corridors. Establishes an interagency review panel to oversee the use of the statutory corridors, including soliciting, accepting and evaluating proposals for the use and est standards for approval of the use of statutory corridors to ensure that their use is in the long-term best interests of the State. Requires a long-term occupancy agreement, a consolidated environmental permit from the DEP and, if the project is a transmission line, a cert of public convenience)

Category Utilities & Energy

LD # 1810

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AMENDMENT # S-500

LAW # Public Law Chapter 615

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

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TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Ocean Energy Task Force. (Sen. Hobbins, York) (Governor's Bill) (Utilities & Energy Comm) **(Emergency)** (A comprehensive bill to amend the Maine Wind Energy Act to articulate state policy regarding transition to electric power to meet Maine's heating and transportation needs and recognize the key role of ocean wind and other renewable energy resources. Clarifies the state policy encouraging siting of wind energy including support for new transmission infrastructure needed to transport addition onshore and offshore wind energy to market. Establishes the state goal of 8,000 megawatts of installed wind energy capacity, including 5,000 megawatts of offshore wind power by 2030.)(Amendment removes provision that permits the PUC to determine there is a public need for a transmission line...)

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