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

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS**

**SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature adjourned on March 17, 2020, nearly a month prior to the statutory adjournment date of April 15, 2020. Before adjourning, the Legislature passed Joint Order, S.P. 788:

“ORDERED, the House concurring, that all matters not finally disposed of upon the adjournment sine die of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature be carried over, in the same posture, to any special session of the 129th Legislature.”

The “matters not finally disposed of” were in many different postures upon adjournment. In this digest, at the end of each summary of a bill that was carried over by S.P. 788, there is an indication of the posture of the bill at the time of adjournment.

No special session has been held as of the publication of the Digest and none is anticipated, so all bills carried over are expected to die upon the conclusion of the 129th Legislature. However, after the Second Regular Session adjourned and in preparation for the possibility of a special session, a number of committees met and considered a number of bills in their possession. One hundred and sixty bills were acted upon in some way by committees (voted or reported out), among them several new bills that were printed and referred to committee, worked and reported out. **Appendix A** provides a list of the bills that were voted or reported out of committees after the Second Regular Session adjourned.

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LD 169 An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family CARRIED OVER
Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks and Historic Sites

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B CARSON B	OTP-AM	H-13

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill provides for free entry to state parks, camping areas and beaches for those persons who have gold star family registration plates on their motor vehicles and for passengers in those vehicles.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)

This amendment clarifies that free entry to state parks and historic sites for a person displaying gold star family registration plates is for day use only.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 446 An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Department of Agriculture, CARRIED OVER
Conservation and Forestry To Maintain Snowmobile Trails

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN D	OTP-AM	S-53

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill provides a one-time appropriation to the Snowmobile Trail Fund to make grants-in-aid to political subdivisions, educational institutions, regional planning agencies, snowmobile groups and others for the maintenance of snowmobile trails.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 569 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and ONTP
Forestry To Submit to the United States Secretary of Agriculture a Plan
for Continued Implementation of the Maine Industrial Hemp Program

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

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This resolve was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit a plan to the United States Secretary of Agriculture to continue Maine's industrial hemp program and to regulate hemp in accordance with federal requirements.

**LD 795 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine CARRIED OVER
To Establish a Right to Food**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C	OTP-AM	H-430
JACKSON T	ONTP	H-675 HICKMAN C

This constitutional resolution was carried over in the House from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The constitutional resolution declares that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to acquire, produce, process, prepare, preserve and consume and to barter, trade and purchase the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-430)

This amendment, which is the majority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" (H-541)

This amendment amends the bill by:

1. Removing the word "acquire" from the enumeration of the elements of an individual's right to food and removing the language limiting the exercise of acquisition;
2. Removing language establishing a fundamental right to be free from hunger, starvation and the endangerment of life due to scarcity of or lack of access to food; and
3. Specifying that the right to food does not allow an individual to abuse private property rights or abuse public lands or natural resources in the harvesting of food.

This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "B" (H-675)

This amendment amends the bill by:

1. Removing the words "acquire," "process," "prepare" and "preserve" from the enumeration of the elements of an individual's right to food;
2. Removing language limiting the methods of acquisition of food to hunting, gathering, foraging, farming, fishing and gardening and obtaining seeds by barter, trade or purchase;
3. Removing language establishing a fundamental right to be free from hunger, malnutrition, starvation and the endangerment of life due to scarcity of or lack of access to food;

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- 4. Specifying that the right to food does not allow an individual to commit trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property rights, public lands or natural resources in the harvesting, production or acquisition of food; and
- 5. Changing the question to reflect the changes made by this amendment.

This constitutional resolution was carried over in the House to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 908 An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs CARRIED OVER
and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the
Purpose of Providing Information to the Public

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M MILLETT R	OTP-AM	H-302

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill establishes in law certain requirements of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control related to pest management on school property. It requires a school to maintain a pest management activity log related to the application of pesticides. It requires this information to be provided annually to the board and requires the board to post the information on its publicly accessible website. It also requires that the board post on its publicly accessible website a list of all board inspections of a school's use of pesticides and the results of those inspections.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-302)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

The fiscal note on the amendment, which is a fiscal note only amendment, identifies certain requirements in the bill as a potential state mandate. In order to be a mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, a provision must require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue. The committee finds the provisions identified as a potential mandate do not require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue.

The requirement in the bill that a local school administrative unit submit a pest management activity log to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control by January 15th of each year for the previous calendar year does not require an expansion or modification of activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue. Local school administrative units currently prepare pest management activity logs with the required data pursuant to rules established by the Board of Pesticides Control. The committee finds that the act of submitting a pest management activity log that is already required to be maintained does not necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

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LD 920 An Act To Establish the Fund To Support Local Fruits and Vegetables Purchasing

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLUECKER B JACKSON T	OTP-AM ONTP	H-192

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill establishes the Fund To Support Local Fruits and Vegetables Purchasing within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to provide incentives to federal food and nutrition assistance program participants for the purchase of locally grown fruits and vegetables and to support outreach for and administration of programs that offer nutrition incentives to participants of federal food and nutrition assistance programs. Fund recipients must be state-based organizations that support local food producers, local food production or low-income individuals in receiving food and nutrition assistance, with priority to organizations that have a demonstrated history of incentivizing the use of federal food and nutrition assistance programs to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables or that demonstrate the ability to leverage the proceeds to match or receive additional funds from local, state, federal or private sources. The bill provides reporting and audit requirements for recipients to ensure proper use of the funds and appropriates funds to capitalize the fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-192)

This amendment, which is the majority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1016 Resolve, To Require the Construction of a New District Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Forestry in Fort Kent

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J	OTP-AM ONTP	S-335 BREEN C S-94

This resolve was finally passed by the Legislature in the First Regular Session and then held by the Governor. During the Second Regular Session, this bill was recalled from the Governor's desk pursuant to joint order, S.P. 704.

This resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to solicit bids for the construction of a new facility in Fort Kent to house the district headquarters for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry. Construction must be started within 60 days following the award of the contract.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-94)

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes the requirement in the resolve that bids must be solicited no later than 90 days following the effective date of this resolve and that construction must be started within 60 days following award of the contract. The amendment provides one-time funds to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry for the construction of a new facility in the Town of Fort Kent to

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house the district headquarters of the department's Bureau of Forestry.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)

This amendment requires the State Controller to transfer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$350,000 from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 1, 2020.

This resolve was carried over in the Senate to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1037 An Act To Address the Browntail Moth Infestation

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TEPLER D BREEN C	OTP-AM ONTP	H-449

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill provides funding to the University of Maine System to support a three-year study of the browntail moth infestation. This bill specifies that funds appropriated for this purpose do not lapse but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used only to support the cost of the study.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-449)

This amendment, which is the majority report, requires the University of Maine System to submit an annual report on the progress of the three-year browntail moth infestation study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than March 1st for the duration of the three-year study.

This bill was again carried over still on the Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1167 An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in State Institutions

PUBLIC 677

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C VITELLI E	OTP-AM	H-761

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

Current law requires state and school purchasers to buy meat, fish, dairy products, excluding milk and eggs, and species of fruits and fresh vegetables directly from Maine food producers or food brokers. The bill establishes a minimum percentage of Maine foodstuffs, including milk or milk products, eggs, meat or meat products, poultry or poultry products, fish or fish products and fruits and vegetables, that must be purchased, requiring at least 20% by December 31, 2025, at least 30% by December 31, 2030, at least 40% by December 31, 2040 and at least 50% by December 31, 2050. The bill exempts from the requirements school purchasers at schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. The bill also clarifies that "Maine food producer" includes food processors,

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revises provisions regulating quality standards and requires competitive bidding when more than one producer or broker or wholesaler can supply a given foodstuff.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-761)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that it is the policy of the State to encourage the procurement of Maine foods and food products by state institutions to increase the viability of Maine farms and food businesses, thus making a positive contribution to the State's economy and enhancing food self-sufficiency for the State. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish and promote a Maine foods procurement program with the goal that, no later than 2025, 20% of food and food products procured by state institutions are Maine food or food products.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 677 provides that it is the policy of the State to encourage the procurement of Maine foods and food products by state institutions to increase the viability of Maine farms and food businesses, thus making a positive contribution to the State's economy and enhancing food self-sufficiency for the State. The law directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish and promote a Maine foods procurement program with the goal that, no later than 2025, 20% of food and food products procured by state institutions are Maine food or food products.

LD 1270 An Act To Create Certain Recreational Opportunities on State-owned Land **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T COREY P	ONTP OTP	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2020, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands may develop new marked hiking trails within the unorganized territory on which loaded firearms are permitted and within 300 feet of which, during the months of October and November, firearms may be discharged.

LD 1311 An Act Regarding the Sale of Dogs and Cats at Pet Shops **PUBLIC 544**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN B	ONTP OTP-AM	S-272

This bill prohibits a pet shop from selling dogs and cats and establishes a fine of \$500 per violation as well as license suspension or revocation. A pet shop may provide space to an animal rescue entity to offer to the public dogs and cats for adoption.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-272)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, does the following:

1. It allows pet shops that are currently lawfully offering dogs or cats for sale to continue to offer dogs and cats for

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sale as long as the ownership of the pet shop does not change and the number of dogs and cats offered for sale does not increase. It allows for limited transfers of ownership of a family-owned pet shop to a spouse, domestic partner or child of the oldest member of the family having an ownership interest;

2. It removes from the definition of "animal rescue entity" the exclusions that allow for certain associations with breeders; and

3. It removes the word "nominal" as a descriptor of the adoption fee that may be charged for dogs and cats offered for adoption by an animal rescue entity.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 544 prohibits a pet shop from selling dogs and cats and establishes a fine of \$500 per violation as well as license suspension or revocation. It allows pet shops that are currently lawfully offering dogs or cats for sale to continue to offer dogs and cats for sale as long as the ownership of the pet shop does not change and the number of dogs and cats offered for sale does not increase. It allows for limited transfers of ownership of a family-owned pet shop to a spouse, domestic partner or child of the oldest member of the family having an ownership interest. A pet shop may provide space to an animal rescue entity to offer to the public dogs and cats for adoption.

LD 1518 An Act To Establish a Fund for Portions of the Operations and Outreach Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory

PUBLIC 548

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S	OTP-AM ONTP	H-554

This bill establishes the Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to fund the tick laboratory and other pest management research and projects and directs the extension's pest management unit to study browntail moths as the first of a series of pest research projects to be determined every three years by a committee designated by the University of Maine. The fund is funded by a pesticide container fee of 20¢ per container administered by the State Tax Assessor. This bill also creates a duty of the Board of Pesticides Control to investigate complaints of violations of local, state and federal pesticide laws and requires the Board of Pesticides Control to review any request by a political subdivision to eliminate the use of a certain pesticide within that political subdivision.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-554)

The bill establishes the Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund. This amendment provides that the fund is administered by the University of Maine at Orono to fund the tick laboratory and other pest management research and projects. The amendment provides that a portion of the funds must be provided for ongoing reimbursement, up to \$60,000 annually, to the Board of Pesticides Control to generate and maintain a list of pesticides registered with the board and make available to the public through the board's publicly accessible website the list and answer inquiries relating to the list.

The amendment provides that a portion of the fund may be used by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension pest management unit for nonadministrative costs related to a tick laboratory, including, but not limited to: development of educational materials; equipment, materials and supplies; and facility expansion.

The amendment makes changes to the composition of the pest research committee as described in the bill.

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The amendment removes from the bill the requirement that the Board of Pesticides Control investigate any complaint alleging a violation of a local, state or federal law or rule regarding pesticide use.

The amendment removes from the bill the requirement that a political subdivision of the State that wants to eliminate use in the political subdivision of a pesticide registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency submit a request to eliminate use of that pesticide to the Board of Pesticides Control.

The amendment provides that the fund is funded by a pesticide container fee administered by the State Tax Assessor of 15¢ per container, rather than 20¢ as in the bill.

The amendment removes the provision of the bill that allows the State Tax Assessor to inspect the books or records of a retailer or to inspect the premises of a retailer where general use pesticides are stored, handled, transported or merchandised for the purpose of determining what pesticide products are taxable. The State Tax Assessor has the authority to inspect under current law pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 112.

The amendment also provides a one-time allocation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services for administrative costs associated with revision of the sales tax return to accommodate the pesticide container fee.

The amendment provides that the effective date of the legislation is January 1, 2020.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 548 establishes the Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund. The law provides that the fund is administered by the University of Maine at Orono to fund the tick laboratory and other pest management research and projects. The law provides that a portion of the funds must be provided for ongoing reimbursement, up to \$60,000 annually, to the Board of Pesticides Control to generate and maintain a list of pesticides registered with the board and make available to the public through the board's publicly accessible website the list and answer inquiries relating to the list.

The law provides that a portion of the fund may be used by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension pest management unit for nonadministrative costs related to a tick laboratory, including, but not limited to: development of educational materials; equipment, materials and supplies; and facility expansion.

The law provides that the fund is funded by a pesticide container fee administered by the State Tax Assessor of 15¢ per container, rather than 20¢ as in the bill.

The law also provides a one-time allocation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services for administrative costs associated with revision of the sales tax return to accommodate the pesticide container fee.

The effective date of Public Law 2019, chapter 548 is January 1, 2020.

**LD 1531 An Act To Establish the Maine Food System Investment Program To
Create Quality Jobs and Support Farms, Fisheries and Food-related
Businesses**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R MOORE M		

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This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill creates the Maine Food System Investment Program under the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to strengthen the food system, including the agriculture, seafood and fisheries and other food sectors and the supply chain, to increase access to new markets and opportunities for producers, processors, small businesses and consumers in the State in the producing, processing, packaging, distribution, marketing, sale and consumption of food products. The duties of the program are to develop and maintain a 10-year strategic framework to carry out the goals of the program by fostering communication, collaboration and coordination among the various sectors of the supply chain, identify gaps in the supply chain and barriers to food infrastructure and distribution needs and work with community development corporations, financial institutions and other investors and lenders in the food system to direct financial investment to the areas of greatest need in the food system. The program is also authorized to make recommendations regarding rules or legislation to the department and the Legislature that will direct investment or establish policies or priorities in carrying out the goals of the program. The program is required to submit a six-month and a one-year report to the Legislature subsequent to the implementation of the program and an annual report on the progress of and developments regarding the 10-year strategic framework.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788

LD 1590 An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Harness Racing

PUBLIC 626

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAREAND	OTP-AM	H-727

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill amends the harness racing laws in the following ways:

1. It requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop a biennial operating budget for the State Harness Racing Commission with input from the commission that allows for expenditures for discretionary activities by the commission during the biennium if the commission determines the activities are in the best interest of the harness racing industry.
2. It protects the Harness Racing Promotional Fund from being charged for indirect costs under a departmental indirect cost allocation plan.
3. It requires a harness racing license application of a pari-mutuel betting licensee who leases a racing plant to list financial and corporate information of the owner of the real estate.
4. It requires the commission, when assigning race dates to licensees, to consider the development of revenues from interstate simulcasting, the ability to offer night racing and the ability to maintain ownership of or a leasehold on facilities.
5. It changes the definition of "commercial track" for regions with a population of 300,000 or more and with a population of less than 300,000 by removing language for racetracks that have ceased operations.
6. It provides that an off-track betting facility within a 50-mile radius of a commercial track must pay 1% of the

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wagers made during the time live racing is being conducted on race day and 0.5% of the wagers made during the time that live racing is not being conducted on race day.

7. It allows an off-track betting facility to be located within a facility licensed to serve alcohol that is owned by an owner other than the off-track betting facility owner.

8. It removes the requirement that an applicant for an off-track betting license notify commercial tracks within 50 miles of the proposed off-track betting facility.

9. It provides that an applicant for an off-track betting license must notify and allow objections from existing off-track betting facilities within 15 miles of the proposed off-track betting facility, instead of within 35 miles as in current law.

10. It changes the date of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's annual report to the Legislature on off-track betting from January 1st to March 1st.

11. It provides for reduced payments from revenues derived by an off-track betting facility first licensed after January 1, 2019 that is owned by a federally recognized Indian tribe and is located and operated in an establishment licensed to serve alcohol.

12. It allows an agricultural fair licensee to qualify for funds from the fund to supplement harness racing purses by conducting an extended meet, removing the requirement that the licensee must have conducted an extended meet in 2005.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-727)

Current law defines "race date" as a scheduled date awarded by the State Harness Racing Commission for which there is a racing program of not less than eight separate live races. The amendment provides that the commission may, by rule, reduce the required number of separate live races for a licensee that is associated with an agricultural fair to qualify as a racing program from eight separate live races to seven separate live races if a minimum number of horses is not available.

This amendment revises the way in which the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry develops a recommended operating budget for the operating account for the commission.

The amendment strikes from the bill the requirement that an off-track betting facility within a 50-mile radius of a commercial track must pay 1% of the wagers made during the time live racing is being conducted on race day and 0.5% of the wagers made during the time that live racing is not being conducted on race day.

Current law requires licensees to pay funds to a statewide association of horsemen to supplement purses. The amendment requires the commission to disburse funds directly to a statewide association of horsemen to supplement purses.

The amendment revises the provision in the bill that allows an off-track betting facility to be located within a facility licensed to serve alcohol that is owned by an owner other than the off-track betting facility owner. The amendment provides that a person may conduct pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting facility that is licensed if the facility is located and operated within a licensed hotel with public dining facilities, a Class A lounge, a Class A restaurant or a Class A restaurant/lounge.

The amendment retains the requirement in current law that an applicant for an off-track betting license notify commercial tracks within 50 miles of the proposed off-track betting facility.

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The amendment retains the requirement in current law that an applicant for an off-track betting license notify and allow objections from existing off-track betting facilities within 35 miles.

The amendment strikes from the bill the section relating to reduced payments for facilities licensed after January 1, 2019 owned by a federally recognized Indian tribe.

The amendment provides that the amounts payable to the Stipend Fund from an off-track betting facility newly licensed after January 1, 2020 must be divided among agricultural fair licensees based on the number of days raced in conjunction with the annual agricultural fairs of the licensees.

The bill provides that an agricultural fair licensee qualifies for funds from the fund to supplement harness racing purses by conducting an extended meet, removing the requirement that the licensee has conducted an extended meet in 2005. The amendment retains this requirement. The amendment also provides that an agricultural fair licensee qualifies for funds from the fund to supplement harness racing purses if that fair licensee has been awarded live race dates by the commission upon closure of an existing commercial track that is not replaced.

The amendment increases the maximum of race day credits that may be awarded per commercial track during the months of March and December from 12 to 16.

The amendment provides that if the commission determines that a commercial track ceased or agreed to cease operation prior to March 1, 2021 following a request from a bona fide statewide organization of horsemen to facilitate the prospect that a modernized commercial track might open, notwithstanding the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 275-D, the operator of the former commercial track or an entity controlled by its owners is entitled to a license to operate an off-track betting facility in the same municipality of the commercial track at or after the time the commercial track ceases operation as a commercial track.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 626 does the following.

The law provides that the commission may, by rule, reduce the required number of separate live races for a licensee that is associated with an agricultural fair to qualify as a racing program from eight separate live races to seven separate live races if a minimum number of horses is not available.

The law revises the way in which the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry develops a recommended operating budget for the operating account for the commission.

The law requires the commission to disburse funds directly to a statewide association of horsemen to supplement purses.

The law provides that a person may conduct pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting facility that is licensed if the facility is located and operated within a licensed hotel with public dining facilities, a Class A lounge, a Class A restaurant or a Class A restaurant/lounge.

The law provides that the amounts payable to the Stipend Fund from an off-track betting facility newly licensed after January 1, 2020 must be divided among agricultural fair licensees based on the number of days raced in conjunction with the annual agricultural fairs of the licensees.

The law provides that an agricultural fair licensee qualifies for funds from the fund to supplement harness racing purses if that fair licensee has been awarded live race dates by the commission upon closure of an existing commercial track that is not replaced.

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The law increases the maximum of race day credits that may be awarded per commercial track during the months of March and December from 12 to 16.

The law provides that if the commission determines that a commercial track ceased or agreed to cease operation prior to March 1, 2021 following a request from a bona fide statewide organization of horsemen to facilitate the prospect that a modernized commercial track might open, notwithstanding the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 275-D, the operator of the former commercial track or an entity controlled by its owners is entitled to a license to operate an off-track betting facility in the same municipality of the commercial track at or after the time the commercial track ceases operation as a commercial track.

LD 1719 An Act To Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R HICKMANC		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322. The bill was taken off the Special Appropriations Table and recommitted to the committee in the Second Regular Session.

The bill moves the Maine Library of Geographic Information, the Geolibrary, from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and establishes the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to administer the Geolibrary. The bill adds a Geolibrarian and a GIS information officer, appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to the staff of the Maine Library of Geographic Information, to collect, preserve and disseminate data, manage funds and direct the Geolibrary's activities. The bill repeals language allowing the administrator of the Office of Geographic Information Systems to enter into agreements with other agencies and to accept funds from public and private organizations, repeals language describing licensing agreement and fee requirements for geographic information system data and repeals language allowing the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board to hear and resolve disputes related to geographic information system data.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-261)

This amendment makes changes to the composition of the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1726 An Act To Penalize Violators of Wood Shipment and Quarantine Laws

PUBLIC 595

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R HICKMANC	OTP-AM	S-412

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

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The bill provides for penalties for violation of Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry rules governing plant or wood products that may cause the introduction or spread of a dangerous forest insect or disease and rules governing the quarantine of forest or shade trees or part of a forest or shade tree capable of supporting a disease or insect infestation.

The bill sets fines at \$100 to \$1,000 for each day of a violation and from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for each day of a violation by a violator that violated the rules within the previous five-year period. It allows maximum fines to be increased to account for economic benefit and provides for the award of litigation costs in any action or proceeding brought by the Attorney General.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-412)

This amendment clarifies that the penalty in the bill applies to a person who violates:

1. A rule governing the quarantine of forest or shade trees or part of a forest or shade tree capable of supporting disease or insect infestation; or
2. A condition or term of an order, permit or notice issued by the Director of the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry governing plant or wood products that may cause the introduction or spread of a dangerous forest insect or disease.

The amendment also clarifies that the court, rather than the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry as in the bill, must consider the costs avoided or the enhanced value accrued at the time of the violation by the violator as a result of not complying with the applicable legal requirements.

The amendment reduces the penalty in current law for a violation of a Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry rule governing the quarantine of any class of nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed or other article of any character capable of supporting a disease or insect infestation from a Class E crime to a civil violation and sets fines at \$100 to \$1,000 for each day of a violation and from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for each day of a violation by a violator that violated the rules within the previous five-year period. It allows maximum fines to be increased to account for economic benefit and provides for the award of litigation costs in any action or proceeding brought by the Attorney General. These penalty provisions are the same as those in the bill for violations with respect to trees and plant or wood products.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 595 clarifies the penalty for person who violates:

1. A rule governing the quarantine of forest or shade trees or part of a forest or shade tree capable of supporting disease or insect infestation; or
2. A condition or term of an order, permit or notice issued by the Director of the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry governing plant or wood products that may cause the introduction or spread of a dangerous forest insect or disease.

The law also clarifies that the court, rather than the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, must consider the costs avoided or the enhanced value accrued at the time of the violation by the violator as a result of not complying with the applicable legal requirements.

Public Law 2019, chapter 595 reduces the penalty for a violation of a Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry rule governing the quarantine of any class of nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed or other article of any

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character capable of supporting a disease or insect infestation from a Class E crime to a civil violation and sets fines at \$100 to \$1,000 for each day of a violation and from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for each day of a violation by a violator that violated the rules within the previous five-year period. It allows maximum fines to be increased to account for economic benefit and provides for the award of litigation costs in any action or proceeding brought by the Attorney General.

LD 1770 An Act To Amend the Forestry Laws Regarding Responsibility for Compliance with Those Laws ONTP

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

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill clarifies in the laws governing forest practices and forest landowner and wood processor reporting requirements that the parties responsible for compliance with those laws include the landowner, the landowner's designated agent, the professional forester, the professional forester's employee and the person who conducts timber harvesting activities.

LD 1788 An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL J	OTP-AM	S-395

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill eliminates online burn permit fees for all areas of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-395)

This amendment clarifies that a person may not be charged a fee to obtain an online burn permit.

The amendment also allows a vendor or owner of a private party burn permit software system to charge a municipality for use of private party burn permit software.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1888 An Act To Protect Children from Toxic Chemicals CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRAMLICH L CARSON B		

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This bill bans the use of nonselective herbicides, including, but not limited to, glyphosate, within 75 feet of school grounds, public playgrounds and child care centers.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1889 An Act To Protect the Products of Maine Farmers

PUBLIC 633

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUDDY S	OTP-AM	H-726

This bill allows the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish procedures for the return of inspected meat, meat products, poultry and poultry products that have been found to be not adulterated but misbranded to the livestock producer or poultry producer that delivered the meat, meat products, poultry or poultry products.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-726)

This amendment strikes the requirement in the bill that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry establish procedures for the return to the producer of inspected meat, meat products, poultry or poultry products that have been found to be misbranded but not found to be adulterated and instead requires the department to establish procedures for the disposition of these items.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 633 requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish procedures for the disposition of inspected meat, meat products, poultry and poultry products that have been found to be misbranded but not found to be adulterated.

LD 1893 An Act To Require a Lease of Public Lands To Be Based on Reasonable Market Value and To Require Approval of Such Leases for Commercial Purposes

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R HICKMAN C		

This bill requires that any lease of public lands by the State be at reasonable market value and be approved by the Legislature pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to submit a lease of public lands for commercial purposes to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands matters for approval, amendment or disapproval by the committee. The joint standing committee must submit its recommendation to the Legislature for approval. If the Legislature does not approve the lease, the bureau may not enter into the lease.

The bill also requires the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to examine all leases of public reserved lands entered into by the State since January 1, 2014 to determine whether those leases are in compliance with these requirements. The director is required to report the findings of this examination, including any recommendations for action on noncompliant leases, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no

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later than March 1, 2020. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report of the director to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1945 An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

**PUBLIC 593
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C DILL J	OTP	

This bill requires forest rangers hired on or after July 1, 2019 to complete the basic law enforcement training program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. It exempts forest ranger pilots, regardless of when they were hired, and forest rangers hired prior to July 1, 2019 from the requirement to complete this basic law enforcement training program.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 593 requires forest rangers hired on or after July 1, 2019 to complete the basic law enforcement training program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. It exempts forest ranger pilots, regardless of when they were hired, and forest rangers hired prior to July 1, 2019 from the requirement to complete this basic law enforcement training program.

Public Law 2019, chapter 593 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2020.

LD 2048 Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands

RESOLVE 120

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C	OTP	

This resolve authorizes certain land transactions by the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in order to execute a boundary line adjustment to create a straight southeast boundary line at Vaughan Woods Memorial State Park located in South Berwick.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 120 authorizes certain land transactions by the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in order to execute a boundary line adjustment to create a straight southeast boundary line at Vaughan Woods Memorial State Park located in South Berwick.

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LD 2069 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 27: Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control**

**RESOLVE 121
EMERGENCY**

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 27: Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 121 provides that final adoption of Chapter 27: Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control, is authorized.

Resolve 2019, chapter 121 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2020.

LD 2070 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 26: Standards for Indoor Pesticide Applications and Notification for All Occupied Buildings Except K-12 Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control**

**RESOLVE 122
EMERGENCY**

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 26: Standards for Indoor Pesticide Applications and Notification for All Occupied Buildings Except K-12 Schools, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 122 provides that final adoption of Chapter 26: Standards for Indoor Pesticide Applications and Notification for All Occupied Buildings Except K-12 Schools, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control, is authorized.

Resolve 2019, chapter 122 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2020.

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**LD 2082 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 28:
Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications, a Major
Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and
Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control**

**RESOLVE 125
EMERGENCY**

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 28: Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 125 provides that final adoption of Chapter 28: Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control, is authorized.

Resolve 2019, chapter 125 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2020.

**LD 2083 An Act To Require the Board of Pesticides Control To Annually Publish
Certain Information Regarding Pesticides and To Prohibit Certain Uses
of Neonicotinoids**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GROHOSKIN MILLETT R		

This bill requires:

1. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to annually publish a summary of the reports received during the previous calendar year from commercial applicators of pesticides. For each pesticide reported to the board, the board's annual summary must include information on the total quantity of pesticide applied and the total area treated in each county in the State; and
2. The Board of Pesticides Control to prohibit the use of any product containing neonicotinoids for landscape gardening by certified applicators or limit the use of any product containing neonicotinoids if the board determines that use is necessary to protect the State. The bill also requires the board to adopt rules establishing restrictions for the use of products containing neonicotinoids.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

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LD 2084 An Act Prohibiting Certain Confinement of Egg-laying Hens and the Sale of Their Eggs

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEIL M LIBBY N		

This bill provides that, after December 31, 2024:

1. Farm owners and operators in the State must keep their egg-laying hens in cage-free housing systems; and
2. Business owners and operators may not sell in the State eggs from hens that are not kept in cage-free housing systems.

Under the bill, a person who violates these requirements commits a civil violation for which a fine may be adjudged. In addition, the bill authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to bring a civil action to prevent, restrain or enjoin a violation of the requirements.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 2128 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: On Farm Raising, Slaughter and Processing of Less Than 1,000 Ready-to-Cook Whole Poultry Carcasses, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

ONTP

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 348: On Farm Raising, Slaughter and Processing of Less Than 1,000 Ready-to-Cook Whole Poultry Carcasses, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

LD 2129 An Act Relating To Food, Food Additives or Food Products Containing Hemp or Cannabidiol Derived from Hemp

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill provides that food, food additives and food products containing hemp, including hemp-derived cannabidiol, that are produced and sold within the State are not "adulterated" under state law regardless of the place of origin of the cannabidiol or any other ingredient, and the production, manufacturing, marketing, sale or distribution of food or food products containing hemp may not be prohibited regardless of where the food or food products were produced, manufactured, marketed, sold or distributed previously.

The bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to joint

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order, H.P. 1502. The committee is reporting out the bill for the sole purpose of turning the proposal into a printed bill that can be referred to the committee for an appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The committee has not taken a position on the substance of this bill and by reporting this bill out the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or disagrees with any aspect of this bill.

This bill, which had been reported out of committee but not yet taken up by the House or the Senate, was carried over to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 2142 An Act Regarding Outcome-based Forestry and the Use of Glyphosate

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 84.

The committee is reporting the bill out for the sole purpose of turning the proposal into a printed bill that can be referred to the committee for an appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The committee has not taken a position on the substance of this bill and by reporting this bill out the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or disagrees with any aspect of this bill.

Current law requires the Governor to appoint a panel of at least six technical experts to work with the Director of the Maine Forest Service within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to implement, monitor and assess tests of outcome-based forestry principles. The bill provides that the gubernatorial appointments are subject to review by the joint standing committee by the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters and subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

The bill requires landowners to provide written notification at least 15 days prior to any use of glyphosate in an outcome-based forestry area to all members of the panel and the director and within 30 days of any use of glyphosate in an outcome-based forestry area to submit a report to all members of the panel and the director. Upon receipt of the report, the panel is required to evaluate whether the landowner has adequately addressed outcome-based forestry principles under the forest practices laws. If the panel determines the landowner has not adequately addressed the outcome-based forestry principles, the panel is required to report the nonconformance to the director. The effective date of these provisions is January 1, 2022.

The bill also requires the Board of Pesticides Control to establish an environmental risk advisory committee to evaluate the environmental risks associated with the use of glyphosate. The advisory committee is required to submit an interim report no later than March 1, 2021 and a final report no later than February 1, 2022 with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters has the authority to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

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**LD 2158 An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Department of Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry To End Hunger in Maine by 2030**

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 32. The bill provides one-time funding in the amount of \$152,073 for project staffing resources to complete strategic planning to end hunger in Maine by 2030 and for related project expenses, such as travel, lodging and focus group meeting space.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

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Enacted

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Not enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Enacted

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Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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