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ON  
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JULY 1989

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

**LD 1695** An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues  
in the Amount of \$21,000,000 to Match Available Federal  
Funds for Highway, State and Local Bridges, Harbor and  
Airport Improvements

P & S 72

SPONSOR(S)  
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MACOMBER  
TWITCHELL

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-493

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes \$21 million bond issues as follows, subject to statewide referendum in November 1989:

- \$17 million for the Highway Fund for highway and bridge improvements;
- \$1 million for the General Fund for airport improvements; and
- \$3 million for the General Fund for harbor improvements.

The bill allocates the Highway Fund portion for FY90 and FY91, but does not appropriate airport and harbor funds.

**LD 1749** An Act Relating to the Portland Fish Pier Authority

P & S 62  
EMERGENCY

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-618 MOHOLLAND

SUMMARY

This bill addresses a local development corporation or a nonprofit corporation that has been formed by a municipality to manage or market land or facilities that have been improved with the funds authorized by a certain bond issue.

HA (H-618). This amendment was offered in lieu of a committee amendment. It carries out the intent of the original bill but limits it to implement the organization of the Portland Fish Pier Authority as a quasi-municipal nonprofit local development corporation. As such, the authority would be covered by the Tort Claims Act and the Freedom of Access Act, including the immunities and the availability of executive sessions under those acts. In addition, the amendment will permit the Commissioner of Transportation to serve upon the board of directors. The faith and credit of the state is not pledged by the presence of the commissioner on the board.