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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
TRANSPORTATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 290 An Act to Require Seat Belts in School Buses

ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MURPHY	ONTP MAJ	
PLOURDE	OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that new school buses purchased after September 1992 be equipped with seat safety belts for all passengers. Existing buses would have been required to install seat safety belts within a 5-year period.

LD 304 An Act to Promote Traffic Safety by Requiring Traffic-hindering Vehicles to Yield

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
AULT	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required a slow moving vehicle with 5 or more vehicles behind it to pull off to the side of the road to allow the following vehicles to pass. For the purpose of this bill, a slow moving vehicle was defined as a vehicle proceeding at a rate of speed at least 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.

LD 307 An Act to Amend the School Bus Inspection Laws

PUBLIC 575

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAGGETT	OTP-AM	H-91
THERIAULT		
MACOMBER		
CROWLEY		

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed operators of school bus inspection stations to charge a normal hourly labor charge for time spent inspecting school buses.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-91) replaces the original bill. This amendment increases the permitted fee for a school bus inspection to \$8. It also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note.

LD 309 An Act Regarding Truck Weights for Sand and Gravel Hauling

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUPLESSIS		
LOOK		
NUTTING		

SUMMARY

Currently, 29 M RSA §1655 allows haulers of certain commodities, such as forest products, a 10% gross weight tolerance to compensate for moisture and other factors in their loads. This bill would extend the 10% weight tolerance to haulers of sand, gravel and stone.

This bill was carried over to the 2nd Regular Session by the Transportation Committee.