

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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 369**

**An Act to Repeal Legislative Salary and Benefit Increases  
Granted in 1989**

**DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SUMMERS	ONTP	MAJ	
WEBSTER	OTP-AM	MIN	
BENNETT			
RICH			

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have returned the rate of legislative salary to \$9,900 during the first year and \$6,600 during the 2nd year of the biennium. It also would have returned the housing allowance to \$34 per day, the meal allowance to \$26 per day and the special session per diem to the rate of \$55 per day. These changes would have returned the rates to what they were prior to the December 5, 1990 increase.

**LD 412**

**An Act to Make the Wild Blueberry the Official State Berry**

**PUBLIC 218**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LOOK	OTP-AM		H-236
NORTON			
VOSE			
FARREN			

**SUMMARY**

This bill established the wild blueberry as the official state berry.

Committee Amendment "A" replaced the Latin name in the original bill, which referred to the high-bush blueberry variety, with the Latin name for the low-bush blueberry variety.

**LD 414**

**An Act to Require State Audit and Review of Quasi-municipal  
Corporations Granted by State Charter**

**INDEF PP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUFFY	ONTP	MAJ	
LARRIVEE	OTP-AM	MIN	
TOWNSEND			
BERUBE			

**SUMMARY**

This bill added the creation and implementation of an annual audit and review process of quasi-municipal corporations to the duties of the State Auditor. The bill also required quasi-municipal corporations to participate in these audits and pay associated costs. Further, reports resulting from these audits and reviews were declared public documents and their distribution to appropriate municipal officials and state agencies was required.