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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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:

<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 470 An Act to Protect Volunteers from Liability**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)  
JOSEPHCOMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have provided that the individuals helping youth sports programs sponsored by charitable organizations will not be held liable for injuries unless the individuals are reckless. Similar provisions are found in Rhode Island law.

**LD 471 An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act to Prohibit Educational Discrimination on the Basis of Race**

PUBLIC 100

SPONSOR(S)  
HANDY  
GAUVREAU  
OLIVER  
JOSEPHCOMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-109**SUMMARY**

The Maine Human Rights Act currently prohibits discrimination in education on the basis of sex, physical and mental handicap and national origin. The bill prohibits discrimination in education on the basis of race.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-109) adds a fiscal note.

**LD 472 An Act to Quiet Title to Unused Ancient Rights-of-way**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)  
KILKELLY  
HOLLOWAY  
FARNSWORTHCOMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have clarified the status of ancient rights-of-way. Under the bill, a right-of-way would have been conclusively presumed to be abandoned if the property subject to the right-of-way has been transferred after the year 1900, the current deed does not state that the property is subject to the right-of-way and the owner or owners of the right-of-way have not used the right-of-way for the past 20 years.