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BILL SUMMARIES
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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:

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 457 **An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Traffic Approaching a School Bus** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WHITCOMB ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have required motor vehicle operators to stop upon approaching a school bus exhibiting flashing red lights. Additionally, the bill would have required that a notice to this effect be displayed on the front and rear of school buses.

LD 468 **An Act to Require Out-of-state Recreational Vehicles to Purchase a Fuel Use Decal** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LOOK LV/WD
BERUBE
NORTON
CARROLL J

SUMMARY

This bill would have required out-of-state vehicles operating on the state highways to purchase an annual fuel use decal at a cost of \$20. The current fee for decals for other vehicles required to purchase them is \$5.

LD 483 **An Act to Decrease the Speed Limit to 55 Miles Per Hour** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TRACY ONTP
BUTLAND

SUMMARY

This bill would have decreased the maximum speed on the interstate system and on other divided controlled-access highways from 65 to 55 miles per hour. It also would have increased the minimum speeding fine on the Maine Turnpike and Interstate 95 from \$50 to \$75.

LD 498 **An Act to Modify Weight Limits for Farm Trucks** **CARRIED OVER**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
THERIAULT
MARTIN H
PINES
COLLINS

SUMMARY

This bill would allow a tri-axle unit of a 4-axle motor vehicle hauling farm produce a maximum axle load of 64,000 pounds with a special commodity permit. Currently, only trucks hauling forest products are allowed this increased weight limit.

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