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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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 731 An Act to Allow Fort Knox State Park in Prospect to Retain
All or Part of Its Admission Fees ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
GOULD R R ONTP
SWAZEY

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided funds for repairs at the Fort Knox facility by directing the Bureau of Parks and Recreation within the Department of Conservation to retain user fees and other park resources from Fort Knox State Park and to establish a dedicated fund to be used for improvements to Fort Knox State Park. This bill also would have restructured the existing section of law regarding fees for park services and accommodations.

LD 740 An Act to Eliminate the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
BRAWN ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have eliminated the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission by March 1, 1992. The Department of Environmental Protection would have assumed its role pending recommendations from the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission on how to apportion commission duties.

**LD 747 An Act to Amend the Agricultural Activities Exemption under
the Natural Resources Protection Act ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
STEVENS P ONTP
HOGLUND
GOULD R A

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the present agricultural exemption under the natural resources protection laws to specify that drainage of freshwater wetlands is exempt only as it relates to prior converted cropland (drained and capped prior to December 23, 1985). This bill would have allowed a fallow period following more intensive agricultural activities without loss of exemption.

**LD 794 An Act to Establish a Strategic Petroleum Products Reserve
System for the State ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
KANY ONTP
BALDACCI
VOSE
GOULD R A

SUMMARY

This bill would have directed the State Planning Office to develop a strategic petroleum products reserve plan to mitigate the effects of a supply interruption and to help defray major oil price increases for low-income persons. The plan would have recommended mechanisms for accomplishing the reserve. Funding for the plan was to have come from fees on the transfer of petroleum products coming into the State.