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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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 891

An Act to Clarify the Obligation of District Attorneys to Pay for Physical Examinations of Certain Crime Victims

PUBLIC 101

SPONSOR(S)
MELENDY
GWADOSKY
GOODRIDGE
PARADIS J

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the district attorney's office is required to pay only those expenses of a crime victim's physical examination related to the collection of evidence, only when those costs are not covered by medical insurance or other 3rd-party obligations and only within the amount the counties have budgeted for those expenditures.

LD 929

An Act to Revise Provisions for a New Birth Certificate after Adoption

PUBLIC 167

SPONSOR(S)
SUMMERS
AIKMAN
KETOVER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Because the United States Immigration and Naturalization Services has discontinued use of the certificate of birth data for persons born in a foreign country, the bill deletes the requirement that that document be presented to the state registrar before a Maine birth certificate is established following the adoption of a person born in a foreign country. The bill also specifies that the parent's personal data at the time of the child's birth must be entered on the new certificate prepared after adoption.

LD 933

An Act to Promote Equity in Court Filing Fees

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
GAUVREAU
CONLEY
OTT
LIPMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would specifically permit the Supreme Judicial Court to set filing fees based on the amount in controversy.