

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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:

<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 914 An Act to Increase Participation at Town Meetings**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
AULT	ONTP	
OTT		
LARRIVEE		
BERUBE		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have permitted nonresident town employees or officials to speak at town meetings when recognized by the moderator without first obtaining the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.

**LD 943 An Act to Concerning the Somerset County Budget**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HEPBURN	ONTP	
WEBSTER		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established the Somerset County Budget Advisory Committee to review the budget estimate and make recommendations to the Somerset County commissioners.

**LD 948 Resolve, Authorizing the Bureau of Public Improvements to Conduct a Study of All State Work Places**

**RESOLVE 16**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LIPMAN	OTP-AM	H-379
PENDEXTER		
NORTON		
MARSH		

**SUMMARY**

This resolve authorized the Bureau of Public Improvements to conduct a study of state work places.

Committee Amendment "A" replaced the original resolve and directed the Bureau of Public Improvements to conduct a study within existing resources of state work places and report to the Legislature on compliance with generally accepted standards. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the resolve.

**LD 953 An Act Concerning Transfer of Development Rights**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BRAWN	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prevented municipalities and public utilities from using powers of eminent domain solely for the purpose of acquiring the development rights to private property.