

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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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 914 An Act to Increase Participation at Town Meetings

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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.