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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

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| 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 960 An Act to Amend the Maine Court Facilities Authority**INDEF PP**SPONSOR(S)
CONLEYCOMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-134**SUMMARY**

The bill would have allowed the Maine Court Facilities Authority to increase its commitment capacity from \$15,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-134) changed the commitment capacity to \$30,000,000.

LD 964**An Act to Ensure Timely and Equitable Treatment of Discrimination Complaints Made to the Maine Human Rights Commission****LV/WD**SPONSOR(S)
CONLEY
GAUVREAU
HANDYCOMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have established a 60-day deadline for the informal conciliation efforts in employment discrimination cases as mandated by Maine Human Rights Commission laws.

LD 983 An Act to Amend the Adoption Laws to Permit an Unmarried Person or Persons to Adopt Children**ONTP**SPONSOR(S)
ANTHONY
CONLEY
CATHCART
HASTINGSCOMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Current adoption laws permit an unmarried person to adopt a child but not unmarried persons who may be living together other than as husband and wife. The bill would have extended the right to adopt to include such a situation. The bill would have also provided a mechanism for allocation of parental rights and responsibilities in the event that the adoptive parents no longer maintain their relationship.

LD 1010 An Act to Promote Safety While Hunting**ONTP**SPONSOR(S)
FOSS
BRAUN
TWITCHELL
MARSHCOMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have established the Class E crime of negligently discharging a firearm while hunting. See LD 589.