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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
TRANSPORTATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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 1110 An Act Regarding Passing of School Buses

**PUBLIC 348
EMERGENCY**

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CLARK N
RICH
CLEVELAND

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-378

SUMMARY

This bill would have made it illegal for operators of motor vehicles to pass a stopped school bus carrying passengers of all ages. Current laws make it illegal to pass a school bus that is carrying school-aged children. This bill also would have eliminated the definition of school-aged children.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-378) replaces the original bill and clarifies its original intent. This amendment expands the requirement that the lights be activated on a school bus discharging or receiving school-age children to include clients of the Pineland Center regardless of age.

LD 1121 An Act Relating to Transportation Planning

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
FARNSWORTH
MCCORMICK
TREAT

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have removed the toll from exit 15 and, for southbound traffic, from exit 14 on the Maine Turnpike. The remaining tolls would have been adjusted to maintain an equivalent amount of revenues by the Maine Turnpike Authority. It would have required the Department of Transportation to take into consideration the quality of community life, municipal comprehensive plans and the full range of transportation alternatives when planning highway projects. Additionally, the bill would have established a demonstration project staggering the work hours of state employees in order to relieve traffic congestion in the Augusta area and established a study commission to review the structure and highway planning functions of the Department of Transportation.

LD 1142 An Act to Amend the Laws That Govern Stopping for Certain Approaching Animals

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
AIKMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required motor vehicle operators to stop their vehicles when signalled to do so by a person riding, driving or leading a horse or other animal on a public way. This bill would have removed the condition that the animal or horse must appear frightened in order for the motor vehicle operator to stop.