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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 1557      An Act to Provide for a Decennial Commission on Maine's Future (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72)      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established the Decennial Commission on Maine's Future, which would have convened every 10 years following the publication of each decennial census. The commission's charge would have been to review and recommend changes to the "Maine Vision," analyze forces and trends in Maine life, estimate the future effects of those forces and trends and recommend actions to mitigate, avoid or encourage those various effects. The commission would have also reviewed the capacity of government and private institutions in Maine to anticipate and react to the forces and trends affecting Maine's future and recommend actions to enhance that capacity. This was one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future.

**LD 1559      Resolve, to Create the Commission to Evaluate the Need for Changes in the Responsibilities of State, County and Local Government for the 21st Century (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72)      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have established the Commission to Evaluate the Need for Changes in the Responsibilities of State, County and Local Government for the 21st Century. This was one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future.

**LD 1560      An Act to Institutionalize Strategic Planning in State Government (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72)      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have directed all state entities to develop strategic plans that integrate their short-term priorities with the principles and vision outlined in the final report of the Commission on Maine's Future. The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, the State Planning Office, and the Administrative Office of the Courts were directed to coordinate the processes for the legislative, executive and judicial branches, respectively. These 3 offices were directed to review the plans, develop coordinated strategies and explore resolutions of conflicts in judicial, executive and legislative priorities. This is one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future.