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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**AUGUST 1991**

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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 1599      Resolve, to Instruct the Department of Education to Eliminate the School System "Report Card" Program**

**VETO SUSTAINED**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANDY	OTP-AM      MAJ	H-649
CROWLEY	ONTP          MIN	
OLIVER		
O'DEA		

**SUMMARY**

This resolve directed the Department of Education to eliminate the school report card system.

**LD 1604      Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study the Need for a Technical College in York County**

**RESOLVE 43  
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HALE	OTP-AM	H-528
PAUL		S-374    CLARK N
MURPHY		
VOSE		

**SUMMARY**

The original resolve established the Commission to Study the Need for a Technical College in York County. The commission was required to submit its report to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature no later than November 1, 1991.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-528) changed the composition of the Commission by reducing the number of Senators from 2 to one and by reducing the number of members from the House of Representatives from 2 to one. It also stipulated that 2 tradespeople will be appointed to the commission. The amendment adds a duty requiring the commission to assess the needs of people who have been traditionally underserved, including women, minorities and persons with disabilities. It adds York County as a possible commission meeting site and makes other minor changes to the commission's powers.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-374) deleted the request for staff assistance, reimbursement for expenses of commission members and the appropriation. It added a provision prohibiting expenditures from the General Fund and permitted the Legislative Council to administer outside funds acquired for the conduct of the study. The amendment also added an allocation and a fiscal note to the resolve.

**LD 1653      An Act to Provide a Percent for Art Program Waiver**

**ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES	ONTP	
LORD		
MITCHELL E		
TAMMARO		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have granted the Bureau of Public Improvements the limited discretion to decrease Percent for Art Program funding requirements if the art would be unsuited for or unappreciated at a public construction or if the funds were necessary, because of an underallocation of funds or cost overruns, to purchase items fundamental to the purposes of a public building.