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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:

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.

Purchasing Agent was also required to notify potential bidders of this prohibition and to obtain from the bidders authorized statements detailing the extent of their involvement with the Republic of South Africa prior to completing any contract.

Committee Amendment "A" added an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "B" removed the definition of "comparable low bid or offer" and deleted the requirement that the State Purchasing Agent update the list of companies doing business with the Republic of South Africa every 3 months. This amendment added a definition of "distribution agreement" and expanded the definition of "doing business with the Republic of South Africa." It also clarified the prohibition on state purchases from companies doing business in the Republic of South Africa, but exempted companies that adhere to or are signatories to the Sullivan Principles.

LD 1724 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of ONTP-REP A
Maine to Undedicate Highway Revenues

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TREAT	ONTP A	
MCKEEN	OTP-AM B	
MARTIN J	OTP-AM C	
SIMONDS		

SUMMARY

This resolution proposed a referendum to amend the Constitution of Maine by repealing the provision requiring that revenues derived from fees and taxes related to the registration, operation and use of vehicles on public highways be spent for highway purposes. The resolution would have permitted those funds to be used for other governmental purposes.

LD 1736 An Act to Authorize Municipal Guarantees of Council of PUBLIC 512
Government Obligations EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N	OTP-AM	S-269
RICH		S-340 BERUBE

SUMMARY

This bill amended existing law to allow municipalities to guarantee loans to councils of government and regional planning councils if a municipality's legislative body authorizes such a guarantee.

The emergency preamble of the bill appeared to authorize both the councils of government and regional planning councils to seek loan guarantees from individual municipalities. Committee Amendment "A" clarified that only councils of government were authorized to seek municipal guarantees.

Senate Amendment "A" limited the municipal guarantee authority created by the bill to the Greater Portland Council of Governments.