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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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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.

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CAHILL P STEVENS A	OTP-AM	H-685 HOLT S-280 S-346 CAHILL P

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorized the Town of Richmond to be annexed to Lincoln County. It becomes effective only upon approval by the voters of the Town of Richmond and upon approval by the voters in Lincoln County.

Committee Amendment "A" added an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill. The amendment also required that Lincoln County hold an election to approve the annexation of the Town of Richmond in November of 1991 rather than November of 1992 and, subject to approval by the voters of Lincoln County, makes the annexation effective on January 1, 1992 rather than January of 1993.

House Amendment "B" clarified the obligations of the Town of Richmond and the County of Sagadahoc and specified that the county commissioners of Sagadahoc and the municipal officers of Richmond determine the existing bonded indebtedness of Richmond in a just and equitable fashion. The Amendment also clarified the application of the bill pertaining to the effective date of the obligations to Lincoln County and made other necessary technical corrections.

Senate Amendment "A" required that the voters of Sagadahoc County approve the annexation of the Town of Richmond to Lincoln County.

**LD 1836 An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Transit District Services**

**LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
SUMMERS RICH	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized the use of a transit district for washing and servicing of a commercial bus only if a private servicing agency was not open for business between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. The bill also would have required the owner or operator of a bus that uses those services to forward a log to the Department of Transportation. Violation of the proposed requirements would have resulted in a civil forfeiture of \$750 to the owner or operator.

**LD 1837 Resolve, to Allow the Department of Marine Resources to Convey Land**

**RESOLVE 39**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HOLLOWAY HEINO	OTP-AM	H-673 KILKELLY

**SUMMARY**

This resolve gave the Department of Marine Resources the ability to enter into an agreement with the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences for the sale or transfer of property. The laboratory currently has a lease interest in facilities on the McKown Point in Boothbay Harbor. The facilities are owned by the