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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 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 1912 An Act to Promote Long-term Economic Development

**P & S 68
EMERGENCY**

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| COLES | OTP-AM | H-657 |
| PRAY | | S-433 BRANNIGAN |
| MARTIN J | | |
| MELENDY | | |

SUMMARY

The original bill provided funding for a number of science and technology related economic development activities, including expanded funding for the Centers for Innovation and the Research and Productivity Center, greater support for the Research Vessel Argo-Maine, and expansion of the state match to federal grants from the National Science Foundation, NASA and other federal programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-657) made a computation correction to the appropriation section of the bill and added a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-433) deleted Committee Amendment "A" and removed the appropriation section from the original bill.

LD 1924 An Act Concerning the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program

Veto Sustained

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHONKO | OTP-AM | H-652 |
| CARROLL D | | H-707 MELENDY |
| RYDELL | | S-362 |

SUMMARY

The original bill required that 15% of the federal funds received by the Division of Community Services under the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, be transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority because the authority is now responsible for the administration of energy conservation programs formerly administered by the division. The bill required that the amount transferred be prorated from April 1, 1991 to the end of fiscal year 1990-91. The bill also clarified that those funds must be used for weatherization, weatherization-related repairs, rehabilitation technicians, heating system improvements and mobile home rehabilitation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-652) amended a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-362) to Committee Amendment "A" deleted the provision of the original bill that transferred Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program funds from the Division of Community Services to the Maine State Housing Authority and replaced it with more comprehensive details concerning the transfer. The amendment made clear that not less than 15% of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds must be transferred to the authority for energy conservation assistance programs. The amendment also clarified that the division must transfer to the authority the balance of all remaining funds allocated to energy conservation programs for the program year 1990-91.

House Amendment "A" (H-707) struck the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill. It also added a fiscal note to the bill that was inadvertently removed by Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A".