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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 2052 An Act to Amend the Secret Voting Provision Governing School Administrative District Budget Proceedings**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GWADOSKY MAYO	OTP ONTP	MAJ MIN

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required a majority of people present and voting at a school administrative district budget meeting to approve the procedure of voting on the budget by secret ballot. Under current law, approval of that procedure requires the vote of only 10% of those present and voting.

**LD 2069 Resolve, to Assist High-risk Students**

**RESOLVE 63**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
O'GARA ESTES STROUT DAGGETT	OTP-AM	H-1096

**SUMMARY**

The original resolve requires the Department of Education to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters with recommendations, including proposed legislation, that establish criteria for identifying high-risk students and methods providing additional funding for those recommendations, beginning on July 1, 1993.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1096) retains the requirement for the report outlined in the original resolve, but establishes the Committee for Assistance to High-risk Students to prepare and file the report. The amendment permits organizations whose members serve on the committee to provide staff support to the committee. It permits interested persons and organizations to provide outside sources of funding to finance the work of the committee and authorizes the Department of Education to administer the funds. The amendment prohibits expenditures from the General Fund and makes clear that any costs to schools or municipalities for participating in the work of the committee are not state mandates. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

**LD 2115 An Act to Establish the School Construction Debt Service Limit for Fiscal Year 1994-95 and 1995-96**

**PUBLIC 875**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BRAWN ESTES NORTON O'GARA	OTP-AM	S-557 S-784 BRANNIGAN

**SUMMARY**

The original bill fulfills the requirement of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15905, subsection 1, paragraph A-1, that the Commissioner of Education recommend to the Legislature a maximum debt service limit for school construction projects for the next biennium. The debt limit for 1995 was established at \$69,000,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-557) adds the commissioner's recommendation that \$69,000,000 also be the maximum limit for 1996 and adds a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-784) reduces the maximum limit for 1995 and 1996 from \$69,000,000 to \$67,000,000.