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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 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 2298 An Act to Allow the Separation of Certain Islands in Casco Bay from the City of Portland

P & S 100
EMERGENCY

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RAND
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1095
H-1135 RAND

SUMMARY

Part A of this bill authorized the incorporation of the Town of Long Island if the legal residents of Long Island and certain other islands in Casco Bay approved, by referendum, separation from the City of Portland and incorporation as a separate town.

Part B of this bill required the City of Portland and representatives to negotiate issues of shared debts, assets and other duties and responsibilities in advance of the referendum election. The issues were subject to binding arbitration, if the parties failed to agree.

Committee amendment A made the following changes in the bill. The amendment:

1. Added a geographical description of the boundary of the Town of Long Island;
2. Added a provision for calling the first town meeting;
3. Removed Part A, section 5, which granted the Town of Long Island all of the City of Portland property currently on the island;
4. Replaced Part A, section 7, thereby eliminating the tax escrow account for the Town of Long Island. The amendment language permitted the City of Portland to keep property taxes and required the city to maintain the same level of service to the island between the time of the vote on separation and the actual date of separation;
5. Added a clause notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5684;
6. Changed the process of selection for the arbitrator representing the Town of Long Island; and
7. Set a completion date of July 30, 1992 for the binding arbitration.

House amendment A added an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

LD 2299 An Act Relating to Legislative Confirmation Hearings

PUBLIC 842

SPONSOR(S)
GAUVREAU
PARADIS P

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-718 GAUVREAU

SUMMARY

This bill extended the period of time available to legislative committees to schedule hearings on and vote on the confirmation or denial of a gubernatorial nominee. This bill also allowed the Senate extra time in which to vote on the committee's recommendation.

The Senate amendment (S-718) retained the current time periods for confirmation hearings and Senate votes on nominations, except that an extra 5 days was provided for hearings on judicial and Workers' Compensation Commission nominations.