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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

Part U of the bill transferred the authority for all seafood inspection from the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

The Committee amendment (S-725) struck Parts C, D, G, H, J, L, M, N, T and U of the original bill. In Part A the consensus forecasting section was removed (an amended version of consensus forecasting was addressed in a separate bill, LD 586) and the provisions regarding the budget process were amended. In Part B the audit and program review process was amended to include management and program reviews of government agencies and independent agencies and changes to the office of State Auditor were eliminated. Changes in Parts E and F of the original bill amended the board of the Maine World Trade Association and the mission and organization of the Department of Economic and Community Development, respectively. Part I was amended to provide for a phase in of electronic transfer payments. Part O was replaced with a requirement that, wherever legally possible, all real property leases with the State be renegotiated and all surplus properties with no recreational value be put up for sale.

The committee amendment also struck the repeal of the Criminal Law Advisory Committee and amended provisions of the Maine Criminal Justice Commission in Part S. The amendment added appropriation sections and a fiscal note to the bill.

The Senate amendment (S-785) deleted the appropriation section in Part O.

LD 2335 **Resolve, to Study Technical Education in Maine Public** **ONTP**
Secondary Schools

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
 ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve was one of the measures submitted by the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring. The resolve would have directed the State Board of Education, with advice and counsel from any public education strategic planning groups, to study technical education in the State's secondary schools and report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education.

LD 2336 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of** **ONTP**
Maine to Change the Term of and Method of Choosing the
Treasurer of the State of Maine

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
 ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolution was one of the measures submitted by the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring. This resolution proposed an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that would have allowed the Legislature to establish the method of choosing the Treasurer of State.