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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH 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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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LD 51 **An Act to Facilitate the Sale of Health Insurance** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill allows insurers who are licensed in other states and whose licensing has been reviewed by the Bureau of Insurance to sell supplementary group health insurance to persons insured through the federal health program, CHAMPUS.

LD 62 **Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Banking and the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection to Develop Additional Consumer Credit Protections** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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	OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Bureau of Banking and the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection to study the issue of standard limits on personal lines of credit based on a total income formula and report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance on or before November 1, 1993.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-142) is the minority report of the committee. It adds a fiscal note. Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

LD 66 **An Act to Preserve the Public Advocate's Participation in Residual Market Deficit Proceedings at the Bureau of Insurance** FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL E	OTP-AM MAJ	H-31
	ONTP MIN	

SUMMARY

Under provisions of law that were repealed and replaced by the 1992 workers' compensation reforms, the Public Advocate's office received \$75,000 in funding from insurance carriers each time that a workers' compensation premium increase request was filed. This total consisted of \$50,000 for premium increases, \$10,000 for expert assistance in evaluating fresh start deficits and \$15,000 to cover salary and personnel costs. The current provisions authorize the Public Advocate to participate in all proceedings at the Bureau of Insurance on the size of any fresh start deficit but limit funding to no more than \$20,000. This bill sets the total level of funding for the Public Advocate at \$65,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-31) limits the increased fees to 1993 and 1994, applies repayment provisions to the \$50,000 and \$15,000 fees, requires a report to the Banking and Insurance Committee by September 15, 1994 and adds a fiscal note. Committee Amendment "A" was adopted. The bill failed to get the votes necessary for emergency enactment.