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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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, 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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 324 **An Act to Clarify the Rights of Water Utilities with
Respect to Water Lines Passing in or through Railroad
Rights-of-way**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
FARNSWORTH

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed that public water utilities retain rights to use and maintain water utility facilities running in or through railroad lines when those lines are purchased by the Department of Transportation. This bill addressed those situations in which the department has acquired railroad lines and then charged water utilities fees for licenses to use and maintain existing water lines.

LD 841 **An Act to Revise and Recodify the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 29**

PUBLIC 683

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-549

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29 and replaces that Title with a new Title 29-A, which is both a revision and a recodification of the prior law. Part A of the bill contains the text of the new Title. Part B of the bill contains recodified portions of former Title 29 that are placed in appropriate sections of other existing Titles.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-549) replaces the bill. It incorporates the changes made to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29 by public laws enacted during the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature and those chaptered for the Second Regular Session prior to enactment of LD 841. It corrects cross references, makes other corrections and changes to the bill and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1152 **An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Department of
Transportation to Determine Condition of Property Prior to
Acquiring**

PUBLIC 536
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
STROUT

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-791
H-812 O'GARA
H-813 KONTOS

SUMMARY

The bill clarifies the authority of the Department of Transportation to determine the condition of property prior to acquiring a parcel. The bill allows the department to enter upon land to perform soundings, drillings and other examinations of the property to assess the physical as well as environmental condition of the property.