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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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 242 Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to
Develop a Plan for the Employment of Correctional Facility
Inmates**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HANLEY
KUTASI

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Corrections to develop a plan for the employment of adult inmates in all state correctional facilities and report to the Legislature by December 1, 1993. The commissioner is directed specifically to investigate the feasibility of employing inmates to staff toll-free information numbers from within the facilities. The commissioner is also directed specifically to investigate the feasibility of expanding the Department of Corrections' farm program.

**LD 274 An Act to Revise the Correctional Facility Board of Visitors
Laws**

VETO SUSTAINED

SPONSOR(S)
JOHNSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-186

SUMMARY

Currently, the boards of visitors of the various correctional institutions consist of 5 persons appointed by the Governor. This bill reduces the number of gubernatorial appointees to 4 and adds 3 persons to be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The bill provides for the appointment of chairs for the boards and makes them responsible for calling the first meeting of the board each year.

The bill requires that the board visit the facility for which it is responsible each year, submit a report on the management of that facility to the Commissioner of Corrections and the Legislature and appear before the responsible legislative committee to respond to questions. It requires the Commissioner of Corrections to respond in writing to the report.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-186) clarifies the fact that the Commissioner of Corrections need not provide staffing to the Boards of Visitors for the various correctional facilities if personnel are not available in the department for that purpose.

**LD 333 An Act to Restore Funding to the Maine Youth Center and to
Establish a Task Force on Funding**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
JOHNSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Part A of this bill provides funds to maintain the 7 layoffs and fill the 26 vacancies identified in the plan prepared by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Public Law 1991, chapter 780, Part QQ, section 3. Part A of this bill also provides funds for community-related expenditures.

Part B of the bill establishes the Task Force on the Maine Youth Center to help ensure maximal funding and resources to the youth center and to encourage the orderly transition of residents to the community.