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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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 (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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

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

Bill carried over to Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

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 formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

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.

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

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LD 570 An Act to Increase Driver Safety in Inclement Weather ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TREAT BUTLAND LINDAHL	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that motor vehicle headlights be operated whenever extended use of windshield wipers is necessary.

LD 571 An Act to Regulate the Safety of Off-system Railroads PUBLIC 67

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MELENDY	OTP-AM	H-74

SUMMARY

This bill defines "off-system railroads" and authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to adopt rules for their safe operation. The amendment (H-74) adds a fiscal note.

LD 598 An Act to Ensure That Towns Do Not Have to Pay for Ambulance or Emergency Vehicle Response on Controlled Access Highways within Their Boundaries ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARSH MCCORMICK	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have made the State, through the Maine Turnpike Authority, financially responsible for ambulance and authorized emergency response vehicle services provided on controlled access highways.

LD 609 An Act to Establish the Maine Parks and Recreation Fund ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL J	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have established the Maine Parks and Recreation Fund as a nonlapsing dedicated account. The account would have been funded by a 10¢ surcharge levied on trips made on the Maine Turnpike from May 15th to November 15th of each year. The surcharge would not have been levied on those using commuter passes.

The fund would have been used for 3 purposes: One-third to the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation to provide funding for capital expenditures; 1/3 to the Land for Maine's Future Board to acquire public lands; and 1/3 to establish a municipal grants program, administered by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation. This municipal grants program would have provided municipalities with funding to acquire municipal parks and open space.