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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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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 426**      **An Act to Provide Fully Paid Health Insurance Benefits to Retired Teachers**      **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PEARSON	OTP-AM      MAJ	
	ONTP      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided for funds to increase the State's contribution for group accident, sickness or health insurance on behalf of eligible retired teachers from 25% of the premium to 100%, as is provided for state employees. The majority report of the committee would have increased the State's contribution from 25% to 30% of the premium.

**LD 599**      **An Act to Extend the Retirement Incentive Option for Two Years**      **PUBLIC 159**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LIPMAN	OTP-AM      MAJ	H-220
	ONTP      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill expands the retirement incentive option to state employees for fiscal years 1992-93 and 1993-94. The bill has an application section that provides that a state employee who reached normal retirement age after the close of fiscal year 1991-92 and on or before the effective date of the bill is eligible for that option if the employee selects the option within 3 months of the effective date of the bill.

The majority report of the Committee (H-220) sets the retired state employee's salary at 70%, rather than 80% of salary at termination, and requires the state to continue contributions to the Maine State Retirement System for the unfunded liability, retiree health care and administrative costs.

**LD 602**      **An Act Concerning Funding of the Maine State Retirement System**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WENTWORTH	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System to place the unfunded liability for the old teacher retirement system on a 27-year amortization schedule. The bill also directed the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System to continue the interest-rate assumption at 8.87% for fiscal year 1993-94 and fiscal year 1994-95.

**LD 622**      **An Act to Repeal the Laws Allowing Legislators to Participate in the Maine Legislative Retirement System and to Receive State Employee Benefits**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HARRIMAN	ONTP	