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BILL SUMMARIES
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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:

<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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SUMMARY

The bill would have prohibited the Board of Environmental Protection from adopting California's low-emission vehicle program and California's clean fuels program. See also LD 758.

LD 1064**An Act Concerning Plastic Holding Devices Used in Packaging**

PUBLIC 341

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-228

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited the sale of plastic holding devices that fail to decompose by photodegradation, chemical degradation or biodegradation within 6 months after exposure to the natural elements or are not reusable or recyclable. The bill would also have required manufacturers of holding devices that were not prohibited to submit a statement to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources that specifies the time it takes for the holding device to degrade or a plan that specifies how the holding devices will be reused or recycled.

Committee amendment "A" (S-228) replaced the bill. This amendment strikes the provision in law that would have prohibited the sale of products in containers connected by plastic rings or other plastic holding devices on and after October 1, 1993 and allows the sale of those products to continue until 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature. On that date, the wholesale sale of those products is prohibited. All retail sales of those products is prohibited 180 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature. The amendment includes an exemption that allows pharmaceuticals, infant formula and medical food products to be sold in containers connected by plastic rings or other plastic holding devices.

The amendment also allows manufacturers and distributors of products sold in containers connected by plastic holding devices and anyone who has developed, or is developing, alternatives to plastic holding devices to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by March 1, 1994.

The amendment also allows the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature on any matter pertaining to plastic holding devices.

LD 1067**An Act to Allow the Use of Polystyrene Containers by Public Institutions under Certain Circumstances**

PUBLIC 323

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S-211

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed schools or school administrative districts with an active polystyrene recycling program to use polystyrene containers in their food service programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-211) replaces the bill. It permits food services at public institutions to serve meals in or on polystyrene containers, provided they recycle the containers following use.