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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.

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provided for by mandatory local pension provisions. The bill also requires that participating local districts determine whether part-time, seasonal and temporary employees will participate in the local district or be exempted.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

LD 1060 An Act Concerning Rights and Privileges for Maine Veterans PUBLIC 427
of the Persian Gulf War

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ANDERSON MCCORMICK DONNELLY	OTP-AM	H-515

SUMMARY

This bill amends existing laws establishing veterans' privileges and preferences to recognize veterans of the Persian Gulf War as active duty veterans.

The committee amendment (H-515) clarifies that the veterans preference in state service and the tax exemption granted to veterans apply to all persons on active duty during the Persian Gulf War, not just those serving in the Persian Gulf region. The amendment also expands the veterans preference in state service to include those individuals who served in Panama at any time from December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990. The amendment removes the section on complimentary fishing and hunting licenses for disabled war veterans and adds a fiscal note.

LD 1074 An Act to Provide Equitable Representation on the Board of ONTP
Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANDY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have added a member to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System who is a member of the retirement system through employment as a municipal, county or quasi-municipal corporation employee and who is appointed by the governing body of the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations. The bill would increase the number of members needed for a quorum from 4 to 5 and the minimum number of votes needed to take action from 4 to 5.

LD 1084 An Act Repealing Advisory Boards on Aging, Retirement and PUBLIC 273
Veterans' Matters

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-351

SUMMARY

This bill is submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing all advisory boards and commissions. Part A of the bill repeals the Participating Local District Advisory Committee and Part B repeals the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans.

The Committee Amendment (H-351) removes Part A so the Participating Local District Advisory Committee is not repealed. The Amendment changes Part B of the bill so that the entire chapter on the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans is repealed and the statutory provisions requiring the Division of Veterans' Services to provide special services to veterans exposed to radiation and toxic chemicals are modified. These changes remove all references to the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans, incorporate the definitions that were in the repealed chapter on the Commission and ensure that the special services provided to Vietnam and atomic veterans are continued. The amendment changes the program name from the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans to Special Veterans Services.

LD 1100 An Act to Change the Base Period for Calculation of Maine State Retirement System Benefits ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
VIGUE CAREY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the base period for calculation of Maine State Retirement System benefits by amending the definition of "average final compensation" to calculate the average of compensation for the 10 highest years of creditable service or the entire period for members with fewer than 10 years of creditable service. Currently, the calculation averages only the 3 years in which the annual rate of compensation is highest.

LD 1110 An Act to Change the Nomination Procedure of the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
VIGUE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have provided that one of the gubernatorial appointees to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System must be selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Maine Association of Retirees, Inc.

LD 1117 An Act to Improve the Functions and Operations of the Maine State Retirement System CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WENTWORTH		

SUMMARY

This bill makes the Maine State Retirement System a public instrumentality of the State. The bill puts authority and responsibility for personnel functions under the board of trustees and provides for the transition of the system to independent status as a public instrumentality effective January 1, 1994. The bill provides for a review of the system's administrative budget prior to the beginning of each fiscal year by the legislative committee having jurisdiction over matters related to the system.

Subsequent to the decision to carry this bill over to the Second Regular Session, comparable provisions were incorporated into Part L of Public Law 1993, chapter 410.