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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**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:

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| <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

This bill would have changed the provisions for issuing registration plates to county-owned vehicles. It would have allowed law enforcement agencies to register vehicles at branch offices and receive standard registration plates without the registration information being held confidential.

LD 1152 An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Department of Transportation to Determine Condition of Property Prior to Acquiring CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
STROUT

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the authority of the Department of Transportation to determine the condition of property prior to acquiring a parcel. This bill allows the department to enter upon land to perform soundings, drillings and other examinations of the property to assess the physical as well as environmental condition of the property. This bill also provides any aggrieved landowner an opportunity to have the State Claims Commission assess just compensation for damages.

LD 1172 An Act Regarding the Issuance of Registration Plates ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CASHMAN ONTP

SUMMARY

Current law requires that one registration plate be attached to the front of each vehicle and one registration plate be attached to the rear of each vehicle. This bill would have permitted only one registration plate attached to the rear of a vehicle.

LD 1192 An Act to Provide Funding for Response to Spills of Hazardous Materials ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
COLES ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a funding mechanism to support hazardous materials incident response through a per-mile tax on trucks carrying hazardous materials.

LD 1216 Resolve, to Name the So-called "Covered Bridge", No. 2189, Spanning the Aroostook River, in Presque Isle on Route 1, the Harold N. Flagg Memorial Bridge RESOLVE 13

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MACBRIDE OTP-AM H-236