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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1994

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, 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

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

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

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

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 unable to agree; bill died

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

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LD 1276

An Act to Improve the Operation of Prelitigation Screening Panels

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
CATHCART

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have dedicated the filing fees paid in medical malpractice cases to the Judicial Department to pay for the processing of the cases through the prelitigation screening panels and the court system.

The bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

LD 1289

An Act to Prevent Diversion of Solid Waste

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HOGLUND

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have prohibited trash haulers in a particular region from going to unauthorized disposal facilities in order to profit by lower tipping fees by creating the crime of "solid waste diversion."

The bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

LD 1300

An Act Regarding Disorderly Conduct

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)
MARTIN J

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided that noise from agricultural machinery can be "loud and unreasonable noise" under the disorderly conduct law, notwithstanding the law authorizing "best management practices."

The minority COMMITTEE AMENDMENT (H-955) adds a fiscal note.

LD 1354

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Courts

PUBLIC 675

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1000
H-1015 KERR

SUMMARY

The bill contained all but two of the legislative recommendations of the Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Courts, established by Public Law 1989, chapter 891, Part B. Separate pieces of legislation contain the recommendations amending the Constitution (LD 1194) and establishing a temporary commission to assist in the implementation of the recommendations (LD 1373). The bill contained recommendations concerning language interpreters, the use of alternative dispute resolution and negotiated rulemaking, informing and involving victims of crimes, reporting on the use of grand juries if LD 1194 passed, court structure and administration, reconstruction of the Probate Courts and studies on the use of nonlawyers and indigency screening and representation.