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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 772

Resolve, to Name the Route 160 Bridge in Bownfield Spanning the Saco River the Charles E. Hill Memorial Bridge

**RESOLVE 9
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRUE CAREY	OTP	H-65 JABAR

LD 772 proposed to name the Route 160 bridge that crosses the Saco River in the Town of Brownfield the Charles E. Hill Bridge after a prominent local citizen.

House Amendment "A" (H-65) proposed to change the name proposed in the resolve to the Charles E. Hill Memorial Bridge to reflect the recent death of Charles E. Hill.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 9, changes the name of the Route 160 bridge that crosses the Saco River in the Town of Brownfield to the Charles E. Hill Memorial Bridge in memory of a recently deceased prominent local citizen.

Chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 5, 1999.

LD 774

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Movement of a Mobile Home Over a Public Way and the Movement of Objects Requiring an Overlimit Movement Permit

PUBLIC 117

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK	OTP-AM	H-177

LD 774 proposed to make the traffic infraction of moving a mobile home when taxes are unpaid on the mobile home punishable by a forfeiture of \$250. The bill also proposed to allow evidence that the mobile home was moved as sufficient to prove a violation even if there was no direct witness to the event.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-177) proposed to replace the bill and change its title.

The amendment proposed to allow the operator of a vehicle hauling a mobile home on a public way to demonstrate payment of municipal property taxes with either an over-dimension moving permit issued by the Secretary of State or a receipt from the municipality showing proof of payment of those taxes. The amendment also proposed to clarify that a person who moves an object over the public way in violation of the section of law requiring overlimit movement permits commits a traffic infraction. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 117, allows the operator of a vehicle hauling a mobile home on a public way to demonstrate payment of municipal property taxes with either an over-dimension moving permit issued by the Secretary of State or a receipt from the municipality showing proof of payment of those taxes. The law also clarifies that a person who moves an object over the public way in violation of the section of law requiring overlimit movement permits commits a traffic infraction.