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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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 summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was 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, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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**LD 1168 An Act to Provide Adjustments in the Educational Funding
Formula**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ROLDE	OTP-AM	H-1053
ESTES		
PERKINS		
SMALL		

SUMMARY

LD 1168 proposed comprehensive amendments to the education funding formula. In the 1st Regular Session, the Committee voted to recommend passage of portions of this bill, with some changes. The bill was carried over by the Appropriations Committee and referred back to the Education Committee in January. The committee in the Second Regular Session also voted to recommend passage of the bill with the same amendment as in the 1st Regular Session. As amended, the bill would have required full state funding of all new mandates for the duration of the mandate, required updating of special education costs to the year of allocation, provided a low-income student adjustment, and repealed the section that reduces state subsidy for units that receive federal impact aid.

**LD 1226 An Act to Assure Access to Nutrition Programs for
Kindergarten and Part-day Students**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KILKELLY	OTP-AM MAJ	H-736 MAJ REP
HOLLOWAY	ONTP MIN	H-781 KILKELLY
HANDY		
ESTES		

SUMMARY

This bill, which was carried over by the Education Committee, would have required public schools in which at least 40% of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals to provide kindergarten and other part-day students a meal that meets the requirements of the National Breakfast Program.

The Committee Amendment (H-736) added a fiscal note and an appropriation for \$48,500 for FY 91. House Amendment "B" (H-781) amends the Committee Amendment to require schools to charge fees for the meals covered in the bill where permitted to do so under federal law and to use the funds to offset some of the costs of the bill. The House Amendment also reduced the appropriation to \$9,768 and required the State to continue to pay the 100% of the costs incurred by local units to implement this bill.

Although the bill was indefinitely postponed, parallel provisions were included in the supplemental Budget Bill, PL c. 875, part G-1.

LD 1244 An Act Relating to School Construction

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GILL	LV/WD	
CLARK N		
REED		
HANDY		

SUMMARY

LD 1244 was carried over from the 1st Regular Session by the Education Committee. It proposed an alternative method of approving school construction projects and for paying the up-front costs for school construction.