

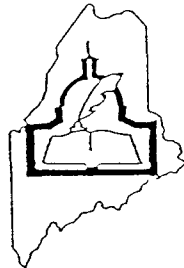
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

**LD 2444**     **An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway  
Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1990, and June 30,  
1991**

**PUBLIC 921  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MCPHERSON	OTP-AM	H-1064
BAILEY		H-1103   MOHOLLAND
TWITCHELL		S-694   TWITCHELL
MACOMBER		

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill makes supplemental and revised allocations from the Highway Fund for state government operations and expenditures of (\$6,160,865) in fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, and (\$8,542,442) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991.

The committee amendment (H-1064) revises the figures so that the revised allocations from the Highway Fund are (\$4,172,005) in FY 1990 and (\$10,584,139) in FY 1991. It also adds an allocation from the Federal Expenditure Fund of \$490,000 in FY 1990 and \$2,100,000 in FY 1991. In addition, the amendment establishes a committee to study motor fuel tax evasion and provides authorization for DMV to lease a new building with option to purchase, using the building as collateral, for any loans.

The House Amendment (H-1103) delays until 90 days after adjournment the authorization for the DMV building

The Senate Amendment (S-694) makes technical changes in the language.

**LD 2504**     **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount  
of \$4,500,000 for Acquisition of Certain Rail Lines, Rail  
Trackage Rights or Easements or Ancillary Rights and  
Interests for the Establishment, Preservation and Operation  
of a Rail System to Service Maine**

**P & S 135**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GILL	OTP	S-700   CAHILL

#### **SUMMARY**

This bond issue provides \$4,500,000 for the acquisition, lease or rehabilitation of certain rail lines, rail trackage rights and rail interchange rights. The lines include: 6 miles of the Rockland Branch of the Maine Central Railroad in Brunswick; the entire 34 miles of the Augusta-Brunswick Lower Road; and a portion of the Cobbosseecontee Branch in Gardiner. Under Maine law, the State cannot operate the railroads but can purchase them. Then they will lease or contract with an operator. As a bond issue, this bill will require a referendum of the voters.

The Senate Amendment (S-700) makes technical corrections.