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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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.

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:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</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, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

LD 23

An Act to Repeal the Sunset on Immediate Wage Withholding for Child Support Awards

**PUBLIC 13
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
PARADIS P

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-30

SUMMARY

The bill repeals the April 1, 1991 sunset on immediate income withholding for child support awards established by the Department of Human Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-30) repeals the sunset on immediate income withholding on child support awards established by the court and enforced or collected by the Department of Human Services.

LD 33

An Act Concerning Equine Activities (By Request)

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
TRACY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have limited the liability of equine activity sponsors and equine professionals for injuries or death to participants in equine activities.

LD 46

An Act to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Commission to Implement the Computerization of Criminal History Record Information

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
BRANNIGAN
PARADIS P
COTE

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have extended the reporting deadline for the Commission to Implement the Computerization of Criminal History Record Information, and would have appropriated additional funds to allow the Commission to complete its work. Same provisions included in PL 1991, c. 9.

LD 54

An Act to Limit Judicial Immunity in Certain Domestic Relations Matters

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DIPIETRO
GILL

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have amended the Maine Tort Claims Act and the domestic relations law to abrogate any judicial immunity for any judge or justice who, in determining parental rights and responsibilities with respect to a minor, applies a preference for one parent over the other because of the parent's sex in violation of Title 19.