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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 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.

LD 171

An Act to Strengthen the State's Role in Drug-related Prosecution

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
PARADIS P
GAUVREAU
RICHARDS

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would establish clear guidelines for the prosecution in federal and state court of drug offenses.

LD 174

Resolve, to Review the Probate System of Maine

LV/MD

SPONSOR(S)
KETOVER
FARNSWORTH
PARADIS P
GAUVREAU

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The resolve would have established a study commission to review the Probate Court system. The issue has been referred to the Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Courts.

LD 191

An Act to Change the Term "Handicap" in the Maine Human Rights Act

PUBLIC 99

SPONSOR(S)
MCCORMICK

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-53

SUMMARY

The bill changes the terminology from "handicapped" to "disabled" in the Maine Human Rights Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-53) further changes the language of the bill concerning persons with physical or mental disability.

LD 211

An Act to Ban Tree Spiking

PUBLIC 559

SPONSOR(S)
BALDACCI

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-89

SUMMARY

The bill specifically includes tree spiking as a form of criminal mischief, a Class D crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-89) adds a fiscal note.