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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

An Act to Ensure Access to Land Located on Discontinued Roads**ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that the owner of land located on a public way that is discontinued or abandoned either receive a payment for the properly determined damages, if the land's value is diminished, or retain a private right-of-way sufficient to allow access and development of the land. This bill would have granted no private easement to the landowner if the landowner was paid damages for the decrease in value of the land, or if it was determined that no decrease occurred as a result of the discontinuance or abandonment.

LD 561**An Act to Allow the County Administrator to Assume the Duties of County Treasurer in Counties with an Administrator****ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that counties that employ a county administrator assign the duties of the treasurer to the county administrator, if the elected office of county treasurer was abolished.

LD 575**Resolve, to Establish the Special Commission to Study the Operations of State Government****ONTP-MAJ REP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established the Special Commission to Study the Operations of State Government and instructed the commission to study and make recommendations to streamline operations of State Government to achieve immediate and long-term cost savings. The commission would have reported its interim findings to the Legislature by April 1, 1991 and would have submitted a final report to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature, together with any implementing legislation, by November 1, 1991.