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

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 309 **An Act Regarding Truck Weights for Sand and Gravel Hauling** ONTP-MIN REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUPLESSIS	OTP-AM	MAJ	
LOOK	ONTP	MIN	
NUTTING			

SUMMARY

This bill allows haulers of sand, gravel or stone to haul up to 110% of the maximum gross weight otherwise permitted on their vehicle thus compensating for moisture and other factors in their loads.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-869) is the majority report of the committee and clarifies the intent of the original bill. The amendment allows haulers of sand, gravel or stone to apply for a special commodity permit to extend truck weight limits to 64,000 pounds for a tri-axle truck. That is the limit available to haulers of forest products. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill. The minority ONTP Report was accepted in both houses.

LD 498 **An Act to Modify Weight Limits for Farm Trucks** DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
THERIAULT	OTP-AM	MAJ	
MARTIN H	ONTP	MIN	
PINES			
COLLINS			

SUMMARY

This bill extends to haulers of farm produce the present weight limit of 64,000 pounds for a tri-axle truck allowed to haulers of forest products with a special commodity permit.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-525), the majority report, adds a fiscal note to the bill. The houses failed to agree; the Senate accepted the majority report; and the House accepted the minority report. The bill died between houses.

LD 702 **An Act Regarding the Relocation of Utility Facilities as a Result of State Highway Construction** PUBLIC 860

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J	OTP-AM		H-871
THERIAULT			
GOULD R R			
HUSSEY			

SUMMARY

Under current law public utilities are entitled to reimbursement from the Highway Fund for up to 90% of the costs of facility relocation when required in connection with construction of interstate highways. No similar provision applies when public utility facilities must be relocated in connection with state highway construction. This bill establishes a procedure of notice of need to relocate and payment of relocation costs if adequate notice is not provided by the DOT. The bill is an attempt to encourage the Department of Transportation and the utilities to work together to minimize the costs of relocation of utility facilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-871) requires the Department of Transportation to develop by December 1, 1992, a program to provide financial assistance to utilities that have experienced serious financial hardship as a result of having to relocate their facilities to accommodate DOT construction projects. The department will submit the program including necessary legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation for its consideration.

LD 1506 An Act to Amend the Farm Truck Registration Laws ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PINES MAHANY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill extends the registration schedule for farm motor trucks from a maximum gross weight of 54,000 to 69,000 pounds, thus allowing tri-axle trucks used primarily for the transportation of agricultural commodities, supplies or equipment to be registered as farm motor trucks rather than commercial vehicles. The bill also permits vehicles transporting farm produce to travel over ways that are closed to heavy vehicles.

LD 1555 An Act to Establish Title for Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL J CLARK N	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a program for titling snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles effective beginning in model year 1992. This program will be administered by the Secretary of State.

LD 2026 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Casco Bay Island Transit District P & S 74

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RAND ADAMS BRANNIGAN	OTP-AM	H-908

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Board of Directors of the Casco Bay Island Transit District to fill a vacancy on the board by appointment for the remainder of the term of the vacant position.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-908) provides for board appointment to fill a vacancy until the next municipal election. If the term of the vacant position extends beyond that date, a new member must be elected at the municipal election for the remainder of the term.