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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
TRANSPORTATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

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available for road and bridge projects throughout the State that are consistent with the statewide transportation policy. Under the initiative, the Legislature must approve the Maine Turnpike Authority's budget and expenditures.

Because this was an initiated bill and was not enacted in its original form, it must be sent out to referendum.

LD 720 **An Act to Enact the Passenger Rail Service Act** **PUBLIC 587**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-461

SUMMARY

This initiated bill requires the State of Maine to take active steps to initiate, establish, maintain and expand regularly scheduled passenger rail service between points in this State and other points both within and outside of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-461) describes the fiscal impact of implementing the bill as presented.

LD 736 **An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning the Aeronautical Functions Investigation** **PUBLIC 68**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R R THERIAULT BAILEY R	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 6 to recognize that the National Transportation Safety Board is responsible for all aircraft accident investigations and is charged with making final determination as to cause. This bill further recognizes that the Department of Transportation's appropriate role is to provide assistance as needed to federal authorities in carrying out their responsibilities.

LD 745 **An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding State Assistance to Mass Transportation** **PUBLIC 103**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MACOMBER WEBSTER MILLS SMALL	OTP-AM	H-79

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Department of Transportation to provide 100% of the nonfederal support for mass transportation capital items. This money is to be used to purchase spare parts and equipment for loan or lease to transportation providers on a statewide basis.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-79) adds a fiscal note to the bill.