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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR 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.

LD 766**Resolve, to Rename Pickle Island to Woodie Wheaton Island****RESOLVE 2**SPONSOR(S)
LUDWIG
BAILEY HCOMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve renamed Pickle Island, on Spednic Lake, Woodie Wheaton Island in recognition of Woodie Wheaton, a widely known Maine guide and an avid outdoorsman.

LD 767**An Act to Clarify the Voting Requirements for a Board Containing 3 or More Members****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)
GAUVREAU
KETTERER
PARADIS PCOMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This law would have set the number of votes needed to legally act as the majority of a quorum of the entire board, when a board or agency has 3 or more persons and the law or ordinance establishing the board does not specifically state the necessary votes needed for legal action. The bill is identical to LD 657, which was granted leave to withdraw.

LD 772**An Act Relating to the Knox County Budget Process****PUBLIC 257
EMERGENCY**SPONSOR(S)
BRAWN
SAVAGECOMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-116**SUMMARY**

This bill established the Knox County Budget Advisory Committee.

Committee Amendment "A" replaced the original language of the bill and adopted a budget committee format similar to that of Aroostook County. It also provided for staggered terms for the budget committee membership and defined the districts from which the initial budget committee members are elected.

LD 775**An Act to Improve the Disbursement of Wages to Municipal Employees****PUBLIC 271**SPONSOR(S)
HEESCHEN
ST. ONGE
LOOK
BRAWNCOMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-299**SUMMARY**

This bill permitted municipal officers to adopt a written policy authorizing the payment of money owed to employees on the signature of just one of the municipal officers.