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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
TRANSPORTATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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:

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 862 An Act to Encourage the Development of Air Transportation Service to Small Communities

PUBLIC 571

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J THERIAULT PARADIS J MCHENRY	OTP-AM	H-269

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a small community air service program, administered by the Department of Transportation, to promote intrastate air service to small communities with limited air service. The cost of air service subsidies is shared by the State and by the community desiring new air service.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-269) allows the Department of Transportation to administer a subsidized air service program to small communities with limited air service, but does not require it to do so. The amendment allows the Department to allocate subsidies between the State and the community desiring new air service within the funding available. The amendment requires the department to establish a pilot air service subsidy program in 1992 if funds are available. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 863 An Act to Increase the Number of Members of the Maine Turnpike Authority

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GURNEY MILLS JACQUES	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have increased the number of appointed members of the Maine Turnpike Authority from 4 to 6.

LD 906 An Act to Amend Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Laws

PUBLIC 598

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MACOMBER TWITCHELL STROUT BAILEY R	OTP-AM	H-268

SUMMARY

The bill makes necessary changes in the law to allow the State's entry into the International Registration Plan or IRP. The IRP is a commercial registration apportionment agreement in effect among 45 states. This bill provides for a continuation of staggered registrations and a means of transition into the agreement. Minor fee adjustments are also made.

The bill makes the State's basic trailer registration a nonapportioned administrative fee under the IRP and provides for 2-year trailer registrations at twice the annual fee. Additionally, the bill corrects an obsolete reference to the Public Utilities Commission. The Secretary of State administers this program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-268) corrects a section of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29 erroneously cited in the bill. The amendment also adds an allocation and a fiscal note.

LD 924 An Act to Make Allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund PUBLIC 547
for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1992 and June 30, 1993 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) STROUT GOULD R R MACOMBER THERIAULT	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill makes allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1992 and June 30, 1993.

LD 926 An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the PUBLIC 529
Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund, and Changing EMERGENCY
Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper
Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending
June 30, 1992 and June 30, 1993

SPONSOR(S) STROUT GOULD R R MACOMBER THERIAULT	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-735 H-751 MACOMBER
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SUMMARY

This bill provides the current services allocations from the Highway Fund and certain other funds for FY 1991-92 and 1992-93. The first year allocation is approximately \$361,250,000 with 1,967 positions (legislative count), distributed as follows. The second year has the same number of positions with an allocation of approximately \$407,000,000.

	Positions	Annual Budget
Department of Administration	(19)	\$ 778,000
Department of Public Safety	(548)	\$ 43,400,000
Department of Sec. of State	(389.5)	\$ 18,442,000
Department of Transportation	(1,010.5)	\$298,530,000
	<hr/> 1,976	<hr/> \$361,250,000

The source of the funds in FY 1991-92 is approximately:

Highway Fund	\$205,541,000
General Fund	\$ 21,202,000
Federal Expenditure Fund	\$ 87,854,000
Other Special Revenue	\$ 18,523,000
Highway Garage Fund	\$ 23,904,000
Island Ferry Service	\$ 3,454,000
Augusta State Airport	\$ 426,000
Maine Ports Fund	\$ 251,000