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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-735) does the following.

Part A establishes the Highway Fund current services budget.

Part B of the amendment makes deallocations from the Highway Fund in the amount of approximately \$8,441,000 to support reduction proposals and adjustments in the Departments of Administration, Public Safety and Transportation. Part B also makes allocation from the Highway Fund in the amount of approximately \$27,000 for approved reclassifications and range changes in the Departments of Public Safety, Secretary of State and Transportation.

Part C of the amendment allocates funds for the 2 cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax in the amount of \$2,300,000 for FY 1991-92. Part C adjusts allocations to the Secretary of State and the Department of Transportation. An allocation is also made to fund the Scarborough Interchange project.

Part C also makes adjusting allocation due to the overbudgeting of health benefits and adjustments to the payroll in the Departments of Administration, Finance, Public Safety, Secretary of State and Transportation.

Part D increases the fee for the trip permit granted by the Secretary of State in lieu of special fuel tax licensing and reporting from \$5 to \$50. Part D also increases the excise tax on gasoline by 2 cents per gallon and sunsets on July 1, 1993.

A Class E crime is established in Part D for misuse of tax-exempt home heating fuel as motor fuel, with a minimum fine of \$250. Part D also establishes a minimum fine of \$250 for failure to file a special fuel tax license application and other violations connected with the special fuel use tax.

Clarifying language for the lease-purchase financing arrangement of the Division of Motor Vehicle's building and new language requiring that the repayment of the Highway Fund must occur through increased gas taxes are included in Part D.

Lastly, Part D establishes the funding ratio for the Bureau of State Police and adds a provision to the bill allowing the Department of Transportation to expend funds on the unimproved portion of Baxter State Park road.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-751) added a provision to repeal this Act on July 11, 1991.

Also see LD 1977.

LD 954

**An Act Directing the Department of Transportation to Erect
Signs on Interstate 95 Identifying the Fort Halifax Historic
Site**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized the placement of two signs on Interstate 95 for the Fort Halifax Historic Site in Winslow.