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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 991

An Act to Assist Water Utilities in the Provision of Safe Drinking Water

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
NORTON	ONTP	
MCCORMICK		
TARDY		
AULT		

SUMMARY

The bill would have established within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank a revolving loan fund to provide assistance to water utilities that must make investments in drinking water treatment facilities as a result of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1986, 42 United States Code, Sections 300f to 300j(26), as amended. This bill was nearly identical to a substantial portion of LD 887. The committee amended LD 887 to include refinements from LD 991.

LD 995

An Act to Provide Employee Protection in the Event of Closure or Reduction in Capacity of State Facilities, Programs or Services

VETO SUSTAINED

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY	OTP-AM	S-271
DUTREMBLE D		S-331 CLARK N
JOSEPH		
LARRIVEE		

SUMMARY

This bill required that temporary state positions and certain contracted personal services be eliminated prior to permanent state positions. The State would have been prohibited from using contracted personal services to replace permanent state employees who have been laid off.

Committee Amendment "A" limited the bill's restrictions to positions within departments and agencies and set conditions for exceptions. Further, the amendment required that clear and significant savings be demonstrated through the use of contract personnel for services previously provided by permanent state employment. The amendment also described overhead costs that must be included in calculations to determine potential savings and added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" removed the emergency preamble and the emergency clause.

LD 996

Resolve, to Permit Certain Uses of the State Seal

**RESOLVE 9
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MATTHEWS	OTP-AM	S-128

SUMMARY

This resolve directed the Office of the Secretary of State to develop guidelines for reviewing and approving requests to use or display the State seal for commercial purposes.

Committee Amendment "A" added a fiscal note to the resolve.