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BILL SUMMARIES
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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>

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**An Act to Preserve Public Ownership of Historic Fort Gorges
in Casco Bay**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-380

SUMMARY

This bill set the price the State would pay for Fort Gorges, should the City of Portland decide to sell it. Existing state law already gave the State right of first purchase refusal.

Committee Amendment "A" granted the State the power to assign its right of first refusal to a Maine nonprofit historical or Maine nonprofit environmental group if a bona fide purchase offer for Fort Gorges was received by the City of Portland. The responsibility to continue public access to Fort Gorges as a public historical monument was required by the deed. The amendment also set the sales price at \$1 and added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1011 An Act to Amend Fire Insurance Premiums and the Schedule of
Fees in the Office of the State Fire Marshall****INDEF PP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-592 MIN REP

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Commissioner of Public Safety to establish a system of revised fees to recover the costs incurred by the Office of the State Fire Marshal for the review of construction plans and the issuance of the required construction permit.

Committee Amendment "B" amended the title and repealed the dedicated funding of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Maine Technical College System. It required that the proceeds of the fire insurance premium tax and the fees collected for plan review and issuance of permits be credited to the General Fund. The amendment further stated that the operation of the Office of the State Fire Marshal will be funded from the General Fund. The amendment also raised the maximum fees for plan review and the issuance of permits and added appropriation and allocation sections and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1020 An Act Regarding the Bidding Process for Municipal Projects**ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have refined the evaluation criteria by which the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements judges the performance of a contractor under the established prequalification process.