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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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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 1348 An Act to Reinstitute the Township of Misery-Sapling Gore**P & S 51**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL E JACQUES ADAMS JOSEPH	OTP-AM	H-691

SUMMARY

This bill reestablished the Township of Misery-Sapling Gore, which was absorbed into the townships of Parlin Pond, Misery and Sapling in 1989.

Committee Amendment "A" replaced the bill. Section 1 of the amendment reestablished the Township of Misery-Sapling Gore as the bill had done. Section 2 provided that all record keeping, maintenance of boundary lines and other administrative reporting, filings and notifications relating to the reinstated Misery-Sapling Gore must be performed as if Misery-Sapling Gore were remaining in the townships of Parlin Pond, Misery and Sapling.

LD 1369 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine in Regard to the Override of a Governor's Veto**ONTP-MAJ REP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAHANY STEVENS P CONLEY GRAHAM	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This resolution would have provided for a referendum to amend the Constitution by permitting the override of a Governor's veto by 3/5 of votes cast in both Houses of the Legislature.

LD 1377 An Act to Create a State Municipalities Investment Pool**CARRIED OVER**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY GWADOSKY BUSTIN GOODRIDGE		

SUMMARY

This bill authorized the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to create a combined investment fund for use by municipalities within the State. This fund allows municipalities to obtain short-term investments, provide enhanced ease of access to investments that meet all state statutory requirements for municipal investments and, simultaneously, provide a competitive rate of return. The fund facilitates proper record keeping for compliance with federal tax code requirements on arbitrage and rebate standards.

The bill clarified the definition of municipality and enhanced the efficiency of the bank's already existing power to borrow for short-term and long-term municipal capital needs by authorizing the bank to borrow, on behalf of municipalities, using security instruments other than a formal municipal bond. This makes it possible for municipalities approved for long-term financing through the bank to obtain more readily any short-term bond anticipation financing that municipalities may require.

The bill also clarified that the goals of the pool may be achieved by creating a separate, registered pool of funds or that funds may be pooled and then invested in other already existing registered funds. Finally, the bill authorized a municipality to have any payments to it from the State deposited directly in its account in the pool.

LD 1385 An Act to Modify the Revenue Sharing Formula to Take into Account Individual Needs of Towns ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDS BALDACCI	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that the individual needs of towns, as reflected by increased residential population and capital needs, be considered in the revenue sharing formula of Local Government Fund monies.

LD 1402 An Act to Provide Confidentiality of Proprietary Data Provided to State Agencies PUBLIC 340

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
EMERSON BERUBE BOUTILIER	OTP-AM	S-189

SUMMARY

This bill authorized state agencies to retain proprietary information from private sources as confidential information.

Committee Amendment "A" defined the elements of licensed computer software that are covered by this confidentiality law.

LD 1404 Resolve, Requiring the Maine State Housing Authority to Study Continuing Care Retirement Communities and Life Care Communities ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GILL	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve would have required the Maine State Housing Authority to study the development of continuing care communities and life care communities in the State.