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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 1443 An Act to Improve Records Management in Local Governments ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
GOODRIDGE ONTP
MAHANY

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund to assist the Local Government Records Board in implementing existing standards and improving records management at the local level. It would have also increased the real estate transfer tax rate by 2% to provide funding for municipal records management. The distribution formula was revised so that there is no loss to the counties, the General Fund or the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund; the counties, the General Fund and the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund would have each received a small net increase in funds.

LD 1448 Resolve, to Create the Commission on Effective Information Systems in State Government (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72) ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve would have established the Commission on Effective Information Systems in State Government, to study the information management systems currently used throughout State Government and propose a more effective information management system. This was one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future.

LD 1450 Resolve, to Implement the Final Report of the Commission on Maine's Future (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72) ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

SUMMARY

This resolve would have:

1. Directed the Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning to submit a 4-year work plan and budget to the Governor and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations by December 31, 1991.
2. Directed the Maine Science and Technology Commission to develop a strategy for facilitating technology transfer to business and industry.
3. Directed the University of Maine System to submit a proposal for establishing a degree program and curriculum for land use planning by June 30, 1992.
4. Directed the Department of Conservation to prepare a comprehensive strategy to foster communications and positive relations between landowners and those who use private land for recreation.

5. Directed the Governor to develop a proposal for consolidating state agency efforts to acquire land for outdoor use.
6. Directed the Governor to develop a proposal and funding package for a public education program about the State and the changes the State has experienced and the implications of those changes.

This was one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future.

LD 1451 An Act to Codify the Maine Vision (Reported Pursuant to ONTP
Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and
Resolve 1989, chapter 72)

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have codified the long-term goals and guiding principles for the State's future as expressed in the report released by the Commission on Maine's Future in 1989. The commission's final report recommended incorporation of these value statements, goals and guiding principles in statutory form.

LD 1455 Resolve, to Conduct an Independent Review of the Department UNSIGNED
of Human Services

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY	OTP-AM MAJ	S-240 MAJ REP
BALDACCI	ONTP MIN	S-422 BRANNIGAN
MARTIN J		
MANNING		

SUMMARY

This resolve provided funds by placing a surcharge on some laboratory fees for hiring an independent management firm to conduct a complete evaluation of the Department of Human Services.

Committee Amendment "A" removed the surcharge on fees that was designed to fund the study. A fiscal note providing General Fund monies to finance the study was also added to the resolve.

LD 1480 An Act to Amend the Budget Procedure for Cumberland County ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GREENLAW	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have created a finance committee for Cumberland County with the authority to prepare a proposed budget, hold hearings on its proposal and transmit a final budget to the county commissioners. The county commissioners could have changed the budget only upon a unanimous vote, which the finance committee could have rejected by a 2/3 vote.