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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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.

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  
Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and  
Resolve 1989, chapter 72)**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
	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  
of Human Services**      **UNSIGNED**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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.