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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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>

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 1632**An Act to Require State Employees to Reimburse the State for Frequent-flier Awards****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)
WEBSTER
HANLEY
WHITCOMB

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required state employees and members of the Legislature to reimburse the State at the rate of 2¢ per mile for personal use of frequent-flier awards earned on travel funded by the State.

LD 1637**An Act to Ensure Impartiality in Local Planning and Appeals Boards****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)
SIMPSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited licensed real estate brokers, land use developers and consultants and housing or building contractors from serving on municipal planning boards or boards of appeals.

LD 1647**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Reduce the Size of the Legislature****ONTP-MAJ REP**

SPONSOR(S)
LIPMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolution proposed a referendum to amend the Constitution to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 99 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members to no more than 33 members. The redistricting would have been done by the 117th Legislature and the reduction in the size of the bodies would have taken effect for the 118th Legislature.

LD 1688**An Act to Review the Kennebec County Budget Committee****PUBLIC 533
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
BUSTIN
DAGGETT
JACQUES

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-369

SUMMARY

This bill continued of the Kennebec County Budget Committee by repealing the sunset provision.

The Kennebec County Budget Committee was repealed on March 1, 1991. The bill repealed a section of law that was already repealed. Committee Amendment "A" reinstated a modified version of the budget committee by retroactively repealing the section that repealed the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 3, subchapter I, article 8 and adopted the following changes.