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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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 1632 An Act to Require State Employees to Reimburse the State for Frequent-flier Awards ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WEBSTER HANLEY WHITCOMB	ONTP	

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)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SIMPSON	ONTP	

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)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LIPMAN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

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)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN DAGGETT JACQUES	OTP-AM	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.

1. The committee serves in an advisory capacity only and its name is changed to the Kennebec County Advisory Budget Committee.
2. The committee consists of 9 elected officials appointed by the county commissioners from a slate of elected officials proposed at a meeting of those elected officials and a subcommittee of 6 nonvoting members of the legislative delegation or their designees appointed by the delegation chair and ratified by the delegation.
3. The committee's authority to approve the final budget and approve any amendment to the final budget is deleted. The authority to grant final budget approval is returned to the Legislature.
4. The committee is given specific direction with regard to its organization and methods of operation.
5. The public hearing requirement is expanded to require at least 2 meetings, with at least one meeting held in each of the southern and northern parts of the county.

LD 1707 An Act to Amend the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies

PUBLIC 611

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL E	OTP-AM	H-498
BUSTIN		S-452

SUMMARY

This bill defined exceptions to uniform criteria in the accounting and auditing practices for community agencies and required the Commissioner of Finance to ensure the consistency and uniformity of such exceptions. The bill also permitted independent public accountant compliance audits to satisfy the requirement that a single audit be performed.

Committee Amendment "A" specified that exceptions to the OMB circulars may not be allowed by the Commissioner of Finance except when a conflict exists between the circulars and state or federal law. The amendment required that the commissioner make an annual report on the effects of this policy to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" allowed interest on short-term borrowing as an allowable expense under OMB Circular A-122.

LD 1715 An Act to Establish State Selective Purchasing Standards

UNSIGNED

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ADAMS	ONTP MAJ	S-423 BRANNIGAN
PEARSON	OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill prohibited all state departments, agencies, authorities and institutions from purchasing goods or entering into contracts with any person or organization that operates within the borders of, as an agent of or with the sanction of the Republic of South Africa. A few exceptions for medical, charitable, religious and essential materials were permitted. The State Purchasing Agent was required to obtain, maintain, update and distribute lists of persons and organizations from whom purchases were restricted and a separate list of those persons and organizations from whom purchases were preferred. The State