

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
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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:

<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.

**LD 1799**

**An Act to Clarify the Economic Impact Analysis in Administrative Rule-making Procedures**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CARROLL D  
HOGLUND

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill proposed to strengthen the economic impact analysis portion of the rule-making provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act by requiring agencies to solicit and respond to public comment on the economic and fiscal impact of proposed rules. It also required that the economic as well as fiscal impact of proposed rules must be analyzed. This bill was carried over to the second regular session.

**LD 1804**

**An Act Concerning the Bonding Authority of the Cumberland County Recreation Center**

**P & S 36**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LARRIVEE  
CLARK N  
DIPIETRO  
O'GARA

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-537  
S-327 CLARK N

**SUMMARY**

This bill required that the voters of Cumberland County approve in a referendum vote any issue of bonds or other obligations by the Cumberland County Recreation Center, also known as the Cumberland County Civic Center, when that issue, singly or in the aggregate with previous debts incurred after October 1, 1991, exceeds \$2,000,000.

Committee Amendment "A" replaced the bill. It limited the type and amount of debt that may be incurred by the Cumberland County Recreation Center without the approval of the voters at county referendum. The voter ratification and debt limitation provisions in the amendment applied only to debt incurred by construction bonds or notes issued after October 1, 1991, and did not apply to notes issued in anticipation of federal or state aid or to other debt obligations.

Senate Amendment "A" lowered the debt limit of \$6,500,000 authorized in the committee amendment to \$5,000,000.

**LD 1805**

**An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Save Loring Committee**

**P & S 17  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MARTIN J  
COLLINS  
PINES  
BELL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill provided \$50,000 to the Save Loring Committee to aid in the campaign to reverse the Department of Defense's decision to close Loring Air Force Base.