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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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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:

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.

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL P STEVENS A	OTP-AM	H-685 HOLT S-280 S-346 CAHILL P

SUMMARY

This bill authorized the Town of Richmond to be annexed to Lincoln County. It becomes effective only upon approval by the voters of the Town of Richmond and upon approval by the voters in Lincoln County.

Committee Amendment "A" added an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill. The amendment also required that Lincoln County hold an election to approve the annexation of the Town of Richmond in November of 1991 rather than November of 1992 and, subject to approval by the voters of Lincoln County, makes the annexation effective on January 1, 1992 rather than January of 1993.

House Amendment "B" clarified the obligations of the Town of Richmond and the County of Sagadahoc and specified that the county commissioners of Sagadahoc and the municipal officers of Richmond determine the existing bonded indebtedness of Richmond in a just and equitable fashion. The Amendment also clarified the application of the bill pertaining to the effective date of the obligations to Lincoln County and made other necessary technical corrections.

Senate Amendment "A" required that the voters of Sagadahoc County approve the annexation of the Town of Richmond to Lincoln County.

LD 1836 An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Transit District Services

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SUMMERS RICH	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized the use of a transit district for washing and servicing of a commercial bus only if a private servicing agency was not open for business between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. The bill also would have required the owner or operator of a bus that uses those services to forward a log to the Department of Transportation. Violation of the proposed requirements would have resulted in a civil forfeiture of \$750 to the owner or operator.

LD 1837 Resolve, to Allow the Department of Marine Resources to Convey Land

RESOLVE 39

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HOLLOWAY HEINO	OTP-AM	H-673 KILKELLY

SUMMARY

This resolve gave the Department of Marine Resources the ability to enter into an agreement with the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences for the sale or transfer of property. The laboratory currently has a lease interest in facilities on the McKown Point in Boothbay Harbor. The facilities are owned by the

Department of Marine Resources. Deed interest by the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences was intended to enable the laboratory to attain federal and private support for improving facilities and support operations.

House Amendment "A" replaced the resolve. The amendment required that land transferred by the State to the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences must be used for purposes relating to marine research and specified as a condition of the transfer that Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences must provide for public access and joint development rights with the Department of Marine Resources to a parcel of land it currently holds in Southport. If the Commissioner of Marine Resources ever determined that the parcel of land transferred by the State is not being used for marine research, ownership of the property would revert to the State.

LD 1840 An Act to Amend the Boundaries Between the City of Saco and P & S 33
the Town of Old Orchard Beach

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARLETON	OTP	
KERR		
NADEAU		

SUMMARY

This bill amended the boundary between the City of Saco and the Town of Old Orchard Beach to include within the Town of Old Orchard Beach a certain lot situated in the City of Saco, pursuant to a joint resolution of the 2 municipalities.

LD 1841 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Farmington Village P & S 35
Corporation **EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BAILEY R	OTP-AM	H-605
WEBSTER		

SUMMARY

This bill amended the charter of the Farmington Village Corporation to specifically grant the corporation powers of eminent domain.

Committee Amendment "A" struck a sentence in the bill granting broad eminent domain authority to the quasi-municipal corporation chartered in Private and Special Law 1911, chapter 142 as the Farmington Village Corporation. The amendment granted the Farmington Village Corporation powers of eminent domain and strictly limited those powers to the acquisition of property or property interests necessary to acquire an underground water supply and to store and distribute that water. The amendment did not affect provisions in the bill pertaining to condemnation orders, notice to property owners, determination of just compensation and the rights of appeal for aggrieved persons.