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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.

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 the Town of Old Orchard Beach**      **P & S 33**

| SPONSOR(S)                 | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| CARLETON<br>KERR<br>NADEAU | OTP              |                    |

**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 Corporation**      **P & S 35  
EMERGENCY**

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

**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.