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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 1885 An Act to Strengthen the Inspection Laws for Buses other than School Buses

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
DAGGETT

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have extended the inspection requirements imposed on school buses to include church and day camp buses.

LD 1942 An Act Making Additional Allocations from the Highway Fund for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1991

P & S 45
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
STROUT
MACOMBER
GOULD R R
THERIAULT

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-681

SUMMARY

This bill makes a number of deallocations from the State Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991. These deallocations reflect necessary cutbacks due to the State's fiscal crisis. The bill also deallocate \$12,720,000 from the State Highway Fund for highway and bridge improvements and then allocates the same amount of money from the Federal Expenditure Fund to fund these highway and bridge improvements.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-681) clarifies the deallocation of the salary plan administered by the Department of Finance. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1977 An Act to Make Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1992 and June 30, 1993

PUBLIC 592
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
MACOMBER

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill is the same as the LD 926 as it was amended by Committee Amendment "B". LD 926 was additionally amended by House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" which added a repeal provision of July 11, 1991 to the bill. This bill was introduced and enacted to provide a permanent Highway budget for FY 1991-92 and 1992-93.

Part A of this bill provides the current services allocations from the Highway Fund and certain other funds for FY 1991-92 and 1992-93. The first year allocation is approximately \$361,250,000 with 1,967

positions (legislative count), distributed as follows. The second year has the same number of positions with an allocation of approximately \$407,000,000.

	Positions	Annual Budget
Department of Administration	(19)	\$ 778,000
Department of Public Safety	(548)	\$ 43,400,000
Department of Sec. of State	(389.5)	\$ 18,442,000
Department of Transportation	(1,010.5)	\$298,530,000
	<hr/> 1,976	<hr/> \$361,250,000

The source of the funds in FY 1991-92 is approximately:

Highway Fund	\$205,541,000
General Fund	\$ 21,202,000
Federal Expenditure Fund	\$ 87,854,000
Other Special Revenue	\$ 18,523,000
Highway Garage Fund	\$ 23,904,000
Island Ferry Service	\$ 3,454,000
Augusta State Airport	\$ 426,000
Maine Ports Fund	\$ 251,000

Part B of the bill makes deallocations from the Highway Fund in the amount of approximately \$8,441,000 to support reduction proposals and adjustments in the Departments of Administration, Public Safety and Transportation. Part B also makes allocation from the Highway Fund in the amount of approximately \$27,000 for approved reclassifications and range changes in the Departments of Public Safety, Secretary of State and Transportation.

Part C of the bill allocates funds for the 2 cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax in the amount of \$2,300,000 for FY 1991-92. Part C adjusts allocations to the Secretary of State and the Department of Transportation. An allocation is also made to fund the Scarborough Interchange project.

Part C also makes adjusting allocation due to the overbudgeting of health benefits and adjustments to the payroll in the Departments of Administration, Finance, Public Safety, Secretary of State and Transportation.

Part D increases the fee for the trip permit granted by the Secretary of State in lieu of special fuel tax licensing and reporting from \$5 to \$50. Part D also increases the excise tax on gasoline by 2 cents per gallon and sunsets on July 1, 1993.

A Class E crime is established in Part D for misuse of tax-exempt home heating fuel as motor fuel, with a minimum fine of \$250. Part D also establishes a minimum fine of \$250 for failure to file a special fuel tax license application and other violations connected with the special fuel use tax.

Clarifying language for the lease-purchase financing arrangement of the Division of Motor Vehicle's building and new language requiring that the repayment of the Highway Fund must occur through increased gas taxes are included in Part D.

Part D also establishes the funding ratio for the Bureau of State Police and adds a provision to the bill allowing the Department of Transportation to expend funds on the unimproved portion of Baxter State Park road.

Part E includes a retroactivity clause that makes all appropriations and allocations authorized in this Act retroactive to July 1, 1991, unless otherwise specified.