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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 2215 **An Act to Repeal the Laws Governing State Investments in Companies Doing Business in South Africa** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BERUBE CAHILL P	ONTP OTP-AM	MAJ MIN

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the laws imposing restrictions on the investment of state funds in banks, financial institutions, corporations and companies affiliated or doing business with South Africa.

LD 2220 **Resolve, to Establish A Unified Department of Children and Families** CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOSEPH MARTIN J PRAY		

SUMMARY

This bill would have created the Joint Select Committee on Children and Families and charged the committee with preparing the legislation needed to implement the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Families regarding the creation of a Department of Children and Families.

LD 2229 **An Act to Clarify the Collective Bargaining Responsibility in Child Development Services and to Protect Employee Rights** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOSEPH BUSTIN CONLEY DAGGETT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the law governing the lines of management authority and responsibility in the collective bargaining process for Child Development Services.

LD 2245 **An Act to Strengthen the Public Disclosure of Lobbying Activities** DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOSEPH LARRIVEE LEBOWITZ	OTP-AM	H-1130

SUMMARY

This bill would have made the following changes in the laws governing lobbyist disclosure procedures. It would have:

1. Amended the definition of lobbying to include all aspects of legislative and administrative action and the definition of "year" to mean the 12-month period following December 1st. Definitions for "immediate family," "original source," "administrative action," "administrative agency," "administrative official" and "referendum action" would have been added.
2. Clarified the provisions for reports by lobbyists and added a provision allowing lobbyists to file a statement that they would not engage in lobbying activities outside the regular legislative session, thereby avoiding the filing of reports during that time.
3. Required a lobbyist who receives more than \$1,000 for a lobbying activity to report the number of hours spent on the lobbying activity and also to report any contribution of \$500 or more to an employer of a lobbyist for lobbying activity.
4. Allowed the Secretary of State to charge an extra fee for those individuals who assist a lobbyist with lobbying activities and are listed on the registration.
5. Clarified the penalty provision for failure to file a registration or report regarding lobbying activities and established a provision for individuals to file a complaint concerning the alleged violation of any of the laws governing lobbyist disclosure.
6. Established an effective date of December 1, 1992 for those provisions requiring a monthly report during the time that the Legislature is not in session, coinciding with the start of the new reporting year.

Committee amendment A (H-1130) made 8 changes to the bill. It:

1. Clarified that lobbying the Governor refers to the Governor's approval or veto of a bill;
2. Removed the membership of an organization, corporation or limited partnership from the definition of "original source" of contributions to a lobbyist; the organization was the "original source." The amendment clarified the language regarding individual issue lobbying contributions exceeding \$1,000;
3. Removed the proposed requirement that lobbyists report the number of hours spent lobbying by individual bill;
4. Changed monthly reporting requirements;
5. Gave the Secretary of State authority to waive certain penalties in whole or in part;
6. Modified the definition of "lobbyist";
7. Assigned fines collected to the General Fund; and
8. Established an appeals process for lobbyists.