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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 2256 An Act Regarding County Contingent Account Limits

PUBLIC 789

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL P	ONTP	MAJ	H-1133 COLES
CHONKO	OTP	MIN	
SMALL			
COLES			

SUMMARY

This bill increased the limit on the amount of money that may be kept in a contingent account in each county from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

House amendment A (H-1133) replaced the bill and raised the contingent account limit for Sagadahoc County only, from \$50,000 to not more than 4% of the county's annual budget.

LD 2265 An Act to Establish a Budget Committee and Process for Cumberland County

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL J	ONTP	MAJ	
KONTOS	OTP-AM	MIN	
GREENLAW			
CLARK N			

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a finance committee in Cumberland County to review the county budget. Three members of the finance committee would have been from each district with one member from each district subdivision as designated by the county commissioners. The finance committee's budget recommendations could have been overridden only by unanimous consent of the county commissioners.

LD 2267 An Act to Address Periodic Crises in the Preparation and Mailing of Checks to Clients of the Department of Human Services and to Ensure Priority Payment of Foster Care Expenses

PUBLIC 747

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAHANY	OTP-AM	H-1080
DORE		

SUMMARY

This bill allowed the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources to draw data entry personnel and other personnel from other departments to assist in the preparation and mailing of checks to clients of other departments. Since the several departments often have different peak loads, personnel would be pooled to assist departments in addressing these peak loads. The bill also required that payment of foster care expenses have the same absolute priority as payment of aid to families with dependent children.

Committee amendment A (H-1080) removed the section of the bill that directed the Bureau of Human Resources to coordinate interagency use of data processing personnel and placed language making payments for aid to families with dependent children and for foster care a priority in those statutes related to Treasurer of State and Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The Treasurer of State, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Human Services were all directed to cooperate with each other to facilitate priority payments.

LD 2270 Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Piscataquis County for the Year 1992 (Reported Pursuant to Joint Order HP1507) **RESOLVE 56
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve laid the county taxes and authorized expenditures for Piscataquis County for the year 1992. It was engrossed without reference.

LD 2272 Resolve, to Authorize the Director of the Bureau of General Services to Condemn in the Name of the State Certain State-owned Land in the Town of Warren and the Town of Cushing and Exchange Boundary Line Agreements with Abutting Land Owners **RESOLVE 61**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAYO OTP-AM H-1064
HOLLOWAY
SKOGLUND
MANNING

SUMMARY

In examining the title records for the prison expansion in the Town of Warren, certain ancient clouds on the real estate title of the State as well as minor boundary lines discrepancies with abutting landowners were discovered. This resolve gave the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements limited authority to convey ownership of state property to abutting landowners and to receive property from abutting landowners. The director also was given limited authority to use the power of eminent domain to quiet all title issues within the land area shown on a standard boundary survey for the Minimum Security Prison Farm, on Route 97, in the Town of Warren and the Town of Cushing, Maine.

Committee amendment A (H-1064) changed the name of the Bureau of Public Improvements to the Bureau of General Services in the title and in the resolve. This change reflected the bureau name change resulting from the recent reorganization of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The amendment also updated the resolve's reference to the plan revision date to include the latest revision, completed on November 19, 1991.