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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 2337 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Reduce the Size of the House of Representatives**

CONF CMTE
UNABLE TO AGREE

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	ONTP MAJ	H-1173 MIN REP
	OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This resolution was one of the measures submitted by the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring. The commission's report contained a minority view on this issue, which was represented in LD 2390.

The resolution proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to no more than 123 and no less than 99.

The minority committee amendment, which added a fiscal note to the bill, was adopted in both houses but they were unable to agree upon other proposed amendments to the bill.

**LD 2339 Resolve, to Reorganize Health, Social and Developmental
Services**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve was one of the measures submitted by the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring. The resolve would have created the Commission on the Reorganization of Health, Social and Developmental Services and charged the committee with preparing the legislation needed to implement the recommendations of the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring regarding health, social and developmental services.

**LD 2340 An Act to Restructure the Department of Administrative and
Financial Services**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-1267

SUMMARY

This bill was one of the measures submitted by the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring.

The bill required the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to develop a detailed plan for the restructuring of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The plan would have had to follow certain directives including:

1. A requirement that the department include a budget planning and analysis office;
2. A requirement that the department have responsibility for management of the State's debt;
3. A requirement that the department include a consolidated unit to handle management and defense of workers' compensation claims;

4. A requirement that the department develop mechanisms to support capital planning; and
5. A requirement that an internal control division exist within the department.

The Committee amendment (H-1267) replaced the original bill and provided general direction for the new Department of Administrative and Financial Services, particularly in the area of budget preparation and management, program evaluation, capital investment and debt management. It was not the intent of the Legislature by this amendment to expand the authority of the department with regard to debt management.

LD 2341 An Act Regarding Advisory Boards and Occupational and Professional Licensing Boards

**PUBLIC 844
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-1180 H-1288 JOSEPH

SUMMARY

Part A required the Secretary of State to submit legislation to repeal the statutory authorization for any board or commission that did not submit a report on its activities as required by law. Part A also required the Revisor of Statutes and the Secretary of State to review the Maine Revised Statutes to locate any statutory board not listed in Title 5 and to submit legislation incorporating the appropriate reference for each board.

Part A also directed the Legislature and the Governor to review nonstatutory boards, occupational and professional licensing boards and statutory advisory boards and established criteria to be used to assess the need for each board.

Part B also repealed all advisory boards listed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 12004-I and 12004-J, except those that had been listed incorrectly in these sections. This part also repealed several other advisory boards with minimal authority that were not listed in the Title 5 inventory.

The Committee amendment (H-1180) retained the intent of the original bill. It directed the joint standing committees of the Legislature that would review advisory boards and commissions in 1993 to review recent relevant reports of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review and to send a copy of their own recommendations to that committee.

The committee amendment changed the review schedule so that it will occur during the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature. To accommodate this schedule, the delayed repeal date for all advisory boards and commissions was also changed from July 1, 1993 to November 1, 1993. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

The House amendment (H-1288) incorporated the substance of House Amendment to Committee Amendment and provided that the Legislative Council may direct the joint standing committees to consider certain questions in their evaluation and that the joint standing committees submit copies of their findings to the Legislative Council.