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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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 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

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materials transportation standards and to provide training for first responders. In June of 1991, the Maine Supreme Court in the case of American Trucking Associations, Inc. v. Secretary of State, 595 A2d 1014, found that the fee violated the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution as a flat tax not based on use.

This bill establishes a new funding mechanism for hazardous materials cleanup response, enforcement and training through a per mile tax on trucks carrying hazardous materials.

LD 2380 Resolve, to Stop the Full Expansion of Route 201 Pending the Completion of a Regional Traffic Study LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) FARNSWORTH BUSTIN TREAT MCCORMICK	COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This resolve stops the full expansion of Route 201 pending the completion of a study of regional traffic needs and alternatives already planned by the Department of Transportation. Plans to add turnouts of up to 150 feet could continue.

LD 2388 An Act to Authorize Bond Issues for Transportation and Public Infrastructure Capital Improvements and Other Activities Designed to Create and Preserve Jobs for Maine Citizens (Reported Pursuant to Joint Order HP1705) P & S 113

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP MAJ	H-1262 MELENDY
	ONTP MIN	

SUMMARY

The transportation portion of this bill was developed by the committee for the Housing and Economic Development Committee which reported the bill out pursuant to Joint Order. The bill implements one of the recommendations of the Jobs Commission—to present voters with a jobs stimulation bond initiative in the Spring for public works projects to be begun this construction season. The bill authorizes a \$106,000,000 bond package to create and protect jobs and to make necessary capital improvements in the public infrastructure of the State. The package will be presented to the voters as 2 questions on April 14. All funds are to be used for capital improvement projects ready for initiation during this year's construction season.

Part A establishes a multipart \$50,000,000 General Fund bond package to be used for immediate capital improvement projects, including \$30,000,000 for municipal infrastructure, \$5,300,000 for public schools, \$4,000,000 for the Maine Technical College System, \$2,000,000 for the University of Maine System, \$1,000,000 for residential group homes and \$700,000 for rural health clinics and centers. Part A also authorizes \$7,000,000 in bonds to be used by the Finance Authority of Maine to assist distressed but otherwise healthy businesses through establishment of a revolving loan fund.

Part B authorizes a \$56,000,000 bond issue to fund transportation infrastructure improvements, including \$25,000,000 for highway bridge improvements, \$10,000,000 for the local road assistance program,

\$3,000,000 for sand and salt shed projects, \$13,600,000 for ferry, pier and port facilities improvements and \$4,400,000 for railroad and airport improvements.

House Amendment "E" (H-1262) replaces the bill and authorizes a \$79,000,000 jobs bond package to be presented to the voters at the June primary election.

Part A establishes a multipart \$37,000,000 General Fund bond package to be used for capital improvement projects, including municipal infrastructure and public schools. Part A also authorizes \$7,000,000 of these bonds to be used by the Finance Authority of Maine to assist distressed but otherwise healthy businesses through establishment of a revolving loan fund.

Part B authorizes a \$42,000,000 Highway Fund and General Fund bond issue to fund transportation infrastructure improvements, including \$19,000,000 for highway and bridge improvements, \$10,000,000 for the local road assistance program, \$8,600,000 for ferry, pier and port facilities improvements and \$4,400,000 for railroad and airport improvements.

LD 2421 An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1993 (Reported Pursuant to HP1665) P & S 98

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-1152

SUMMARY

This bill makes allocations from the gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the authority's fiscal year ending December 31, 1993, in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 and the authority's general bond resolution.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1152) requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to provide to the Department of Public Safety an amount not less than the State's costs associated with the patrol services of the State Police. This amendment also requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to conduct a feasibility study and report by January 5, 1993, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation concerning converting their fiscal year to coincide with the State's fiscal year.

LD 2426 An Act to Create the Maine Transportation Authority As the Successor Agency to the Maine Turnpike Authority ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MACOMBER STROUT FOSS BRANNIGAN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill creates the Maine Transportation Authority to replace and succeed the Maine Turnpike Authority. The new authority will manage the existing turnpike highway and have the ability to develop other modes of transportation as authorized by the Legislature. The authority will work closely with the Maine Department of Transportation to Develop a comprehensive transportation system that minimizes cost to the users of the system and the people of the State.

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