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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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operators. It also would have required motorized wheelchairs to display reflectors, reflective strips or fluorescent flags in the nighttime.

LD 269 An Act to Create A Special License Plate for Blue Knights ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MURPHY CARPENTER | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed members of the Maine Chapter of the Blue Knights organization to have a special license plate.

LD 307 An Act Regarding Diesel Truck Registration ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| AULT GOULD R R | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Secretary of State to replace the fuel use identification decal with a fuel use identification stamp for vehicles registered in the State. The stamp would have been affixed to the vehicle registration and would have expired with the registration. The decal system would have remained in effect for vehicles registered in another state.

LD 324 An Act to Clarify the Rights of Water Utilities with CARRIED OVER
Respect to Water Lines Passing in or through Railroad
Rights-of-way

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FARNSWORTH | | |

SUMMARY

This bill proposed that public water utilities retain rights to use and maintain water utility facilities running in or through railroad lines when those lines are purchased by the Department of Transportation. This bill is designed to address those situations in which the department has acquired railroad lines and then charged water utilities fees for licenses to use and maintain existing water lines. This bill was carried over to study the rights of utilities with regard to railroad rights-of-way and means of conflict resolution.

LD 331 An Act to Make Available Special Handicap ONTP
Veteran License Plates and Vanity Plates With a Veteran
Designation

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MURPHY | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

The bill would have permitted the Secretary of State to issue special veteran vanity license plates and special veteran handicap license plates.

LD 359 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Use of Handicap Placards in Motor Vehicles ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CAHILL ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have made reproduction of a handicap placard a Class D crime.

LD 372 Resolve, to Privatize Road Maintenance ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
JOY ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve directed the Commissioner of Transportation to develop an implementation plan for the privatization of road maintenance on state highways. The resolve required the plan to include opportunities for current employees to bid on the contracts, educational programs and an extension of membership in the Maine State Retirement System for certain employees. The commissioner would have been required to submit the implementation plan and legislation by December 1, 1993.

LD 373 An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Sand and Salt Storage Facility Construction PUBLIC 63

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
SPEAR OTP-AM H-67

SUMMARY

This bill provides for a transfer of funds currently committed to the construction of certain salt and sand storage projects to provide reimbursement to municipalities that have already constructed such facilities.

The committee amendment (H-67) adds language to ensure that a town or county receiving grant money for construction of a sand and salt storage facility under the 1992 Jobs Creation Bond Package or under the Community Development Block Grant Program is not reimbursed for that portion of expenses paid for with the grant. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

LD 377 An Act Concerning the Transfer of Motor Vehicle Registration Plates ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
TRACY ONTP