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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:

<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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LD 388

An Act to Allow Prisoners to Make Local Phone Calls at No Charge

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
OLIVER
HANDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill allows inmates of jails and prisons to make nontoll telephone calls at no charge.

LD 421 An Act Concerning Split Sentences

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
HANDY

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, in accord with 17-A MRSA section 1203 and 1252, the courts are required to sentence to county jails prisoners convicted of Class A, B and C crimes whose imprisonment sentence is 9 months or less. This time limit is to increase to 12 months on January 1, 1995. The Department of Corrections is required to reimburse the counties for those prisoners to the extent that money is appropriated. The limitation on reimbursement to only the money appropriated was added in 1992 as the result of an Appropriations Committee recommendation.

This bill eliminates the provision that would have lengthened from 9 to 12 months the period of imprisonment for split sentence prisoners that would require jail confinement.

LD 456 An Act to Ensure Reimbursement for Counties under the Community Corrections Programs

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
STEVENS A
HANDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, the courts are required to specify the county jail for persons convicted of Class D and E crimes and for other classes of crime for which the sentence is 9 months or less. The Department of Corrections is required to reimburse the jails for those prisoners, except that in fiscal years 1991-92 and 1992-93 the obligation for this reimbursement may not exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose. It is required that 30% of the reimbursed funds claimed be used by the county for community corrections programs.

This bill does the following.

1. It prohibits the courts from specifying a jail if the county indicates that the Department of Corrections has not reimbursed it for past costs.
2. It repeals for fiscal year 1992-93 the provision that prohibits reimbursement in excess of appropriations.