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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**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 496 **An Act to Increase the Penalty for Failure to Use Car Safety Seats** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have increased from \$25 to \$75 the first violation fine for failure to secure a child under the age of 4 in a federally approved child safety seat. The proposed \$75 fine would have been approximately equal to or greater than the cost of purchasing a new child safety seat. This bill also would have repealed an obsolete provision concerning an initial 6-month warning period.

LD 521 **An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
STROUT
BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This bill proposed supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995.

LD 522 **An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operation of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995** PUBLIC 414
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
O'GARA OTP-AM H-678
BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This bill makes unified appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund, for fiscal years ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995.

The committee amendment (H-678) replaces the original bill. In addition to making appropriations and allocations from the Highway Fund, it extends the 2-cent gas tax. It changes certain provisions for consistency with items in the general fund budget.

LD 523 **An Act to Make Allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995** PUBLIC 288
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
GOULD R R OTP-AM S-171

SUMMARY

This bill makes allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995.

The committee amendment (S-171) provides additional allocation language; provides that the State Budget Officer is responsible for the consolidation of revenue estimates for the Transportation Safety Fund; and adds a new fiscal note. The bill, as amended, does not authorize any new positions. It continues the current Transportation Safety Fund.

LD 533 An Act Concerning the Inspection Standards for Buses ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAGGETT HANDY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have extended the inspection requirements imposed on school buses to include church and day-camp buses, except church and day-camp buses would only have to be inspected once a year.

LD 534 An Act Establishing University of Maine System License Plates PUBLIC 465

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
STEVENS K O'DEA	OTP-AM	H-378 S-352 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Secretary of State to issue special University of Maine System license plates. The committee amendment (H-378) replaced the original bill. Like the original bill, it allows the Secretary of State to issue special University of Maine System license plates. The amendment provides for a \$25 annual special plate fee. Of the \$25, \$15 is to be deposited in the General Highway Fund and \$10 is to be deposited in the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund. The Finance Authority of Maine is responsible for administering the fund and awarding the scholarships.

The Secretary of State is directed to present a design or designs to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation or a subcommittee of that committee for review. If the Secretary of State develops a design that can accommodate specially requested letters or numbers, vanity plates may be issued in accordance with current law and the annual service fee of \$15 for vanity plates will apply and be credited to the General Highway Fund.

The Senate amendment (S-352) reduces the amount submitted for University of Maine System plates from \$25 to \$20. A person applying for these special plates submits \$20 in addition to the regular registration fee. Of the \$20, \$10 goes to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund and \$10 goes to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs.

This amendment also clarifies that participation in the University of Maine System plate program is voluntary. A person choosing to participate contributes to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund.