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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**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 537

Resolve, Requiring All State Departments and Agencies to Analyze Unfunded Mandates

RESOLVE 5
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
FOSS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-55

SUMMARY

This resolve provides for the collection of quantitative data from each department and agency of State Government on the annual cost of unfunded federal mandates. This data will be presented to the United States Congress in an effort to assist the State in relaxing these mandates and in balancing its budget for the fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95.

The committee amendment (H-55) changes from March 15 to April 1, 1993 the date by which state agencies are to report to the Appropriations Committee on unfunded federal mandates. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 538

An Act to Improve Communication between the Executive and Legislative Branches

CONF CMTE UNABLE
TO AGREE

SPONSOR(S)
FAIRCLOTH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill creates an information and question session involving the Governor and a joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The bill sets up the sessions to last one hour, with up to one and 1/2 minutes allotted for each question and up to 4 and 1/2 minutes allotted for each answer by the Governor. How many questions each party may ask is determined by the percentage of representation of each party in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

LD 551

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Reduce the Size of the Legislature

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
LIPMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 99 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members to 33 members. The redistricting will be done by the 117th Legislature and the reduction in the size of the bodies takes effect for the 118th Legislature.