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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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SUMMARY

Part A repeals the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board.

Part B repeals the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board.

Part C repeals the Maine Highway Safety Commission.

Part D repeals the Medical Advisory Board (Licensing of Drivers).

Part E repeals the Maine Transportation Capital Improvement Planning Commission.

Part F repeals the Travel Information Advisory Council.

This bill was submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing all advisory boards and commissions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 12004-I and 12004-J as well as other advisory boards and commissions with similar functions.

The committee amendment (H-248) replaces the original bill and repeals only the Maine Transportation Capital Improvement Planning Commission. The amendment retains the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board, the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board, the Maine Highway Safety Commission, the Medical Advisory Board and the Travel Information Advisory Council. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The amendment (H-324) adds an allocation section that was inadvertently left off Committee Amendment "A".

LD 1127 An Act Concerning the Registration of Tree Farm Vehicles ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed a truck owned by a woodland owner and used primarily in the course of activities related to tree farming to be registered as a farm motor truck.

LD 1131 An Act to Give Law Enforcement Agencies the Option of Including Red Lights as a Part of Emergency Vehicle Auxiliary Lighting ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have permitted law enforcement agencies to include red lights in combination with existing emergency auxiliary vehicle lighting.

LD 1134 An Act to Facilitate the Procurement of License Plates for County-owned Vehicles ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the provisions for issuing registration plates to county-owned vehicles. It would have allowed law enforcement agencies to register vehicles at branch offices and receive standard registration plates without the registration information being held confidential.

LD 1152 An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Department of Transportation to Determine Condition of Property Prior to Acquiring **CARRIED OVER**

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

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the authority of the Department of Transportation to determine the condition of property prior to acquiring a parcel. This bill allows the department to enter upon land to perform soundings, drillings and other examinations of the property to assess the physical as well as environmental condition of the property. This bill also provides any aggrieved landowner an opportunity to have the State Claims Commission assess just compensation for damages.

LD 1172 An Act Regarding the Issuance of Registration Plates **ONTP**

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

SUMMARY

Current law requires that one registration plate be attached to the front of each vehicle and one registration plate be attached to the rear of each vehicle. This bill would have permitted only one registration plate attached to the rear of a vehicle.

LD 1192 An Act to Provide Funding for Response to Spills of Hazardous Materials **ONTP**

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a funding mechanism to support hazardous materials incident response through a per-mile tax on trucks carrying hazardous materials.

LD 1216 Resolve, to Name the So-called "Covered Bridge", No. 2189, Spanning the Aroostook River, in Presque Isle on Route 1, the Harold N. Flagg Memorial Bridge **RESOLVE 13**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MACBRIDE OTP-AM H-236