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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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 1392 An Act Fostering Advantageous Job Development ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HOLT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill requires that all state agencies conduct an impact analysis before providing financial assistance to businesses.

LD 1399 An Act to Encourage Residential Energy Efficiency CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HEESCHEN		

SUMMARY

The bill establishes a residential home energy-rating system and an energy-efficient mortgage pilot program to promote energy efficiency in existing residential buildings, by ensuring availability of energy efficiency information at the time of sale. The bill has been carried over to the second regular session of the 116th Legislature.

LD 1461 An Act to Establish a Capital Access Program CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PINGREE TREAT	OTP-AM	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to establish a Capital Access Program created for the purpose of providing capital to businesses, particularly small and medium-sized businesses, to foster economic development. Loans made under this program are to be slightly riskier than conventional loans, but still offer a high degree of soundness in connection with the capital access program.

The committee amendment (S-245) clarifies the bill and requires only amounts contributed by the Finance Authority of Maine to be held by the authority. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

This bill has been carried over to the 116th Second Regular Session.

LD 1467 An Act to Promote Long-term Economic Growth INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLES PINGREE	OTP-AM	H-494

SUMMARY

The bill appropriates funds to programs and activities designed to provide a long-term enhancement of the State's science and technology infrastructure as set forth in the Science and Technology Plan. The bill provides funding to implement the activities proposed for the first 2 years of the plan in order to

create and sustain the science and technology infrastructure necessary to promote new growth industries for the State's future economic prosperity.

The committee amendment (H-494) replaces the original bill and provides funding for the worker retraining program at \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 1993-94 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1994-95 from the General Fund. The program would provide education and job training at the Maine Technical College System to unemployed workers. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The bill as amended was moved into the Budget bill (LD 283) and the funding level was reduced to \$750,000 in each year of the biennium.

LD 1478 An Act to Increase Tourism Visits and Tourism Revenues PUBLIC 471
for the State EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HARRIMAN	OTP-AM	S-198
ZIRNKILTON		S-247 HARRIMAN

SUMMARY

The bill provides the necessary funds to move tourism marketing support to competitive levels and to build the necessary planning, research and feedback capabilities necessary to place the marketing funds appropriately to generate at least a one-to-one return on investment. The bill mandates implementation of a 5-year strategy designed to develop a more cohesive and engaged tourism industry that will work in partnership with the Office of Tourism to generate additional financial returns from expenditures from state funds.

The committee amendment (S-198) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The Senate amendment (S-247) provides that any incremental revenues above baseline projections in restaurant and lodging revenues will be transferred to the Tourism Marketing and Development Fund established in the Senate amendment.

LD 1528 An Act to Establish the Maine Education and Training Export ONTP
Partnership within the Department of Economic and
Community Development

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill establishes the Maine Education and Training Export Partnership within the Department of Economic and Community Development. Its primary purpose is to identify potential contract opportunities in developing countries that match technologies and expertise available within the public and private sectors of the State.

The partnership will have the latitude to raise the funds and support the international contacts necessary to aggressively pursue these opportunities while maintaining its identity as part of a governmental agency.