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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1994

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, 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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-462) clarifies that the maintenance services authorized on connecting interstate highways may be performed only on roadways within 5 miles of the Maine Turnpike.

LD 1873 **An Act to Facilitate Collection of Tolls on the Maine Turnpike**

PUBLIC 698

SPONSOR(S)
BRANNIGAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-494

SUMMARY

This bill enables the Maine Turnpike Authority to implement new technologies for the collection of tolls.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-494) makes technical corrections to the bill. It clarifies that the Maine Turnpike Authority is responsible for sending the notice of liability. It alters the procedure by which the Secretary of State is directed to suspend a registration. In the bill, the authority is authorized to notify the Secretary of State if an owner does not satisfy a liability within 30 days after adjudication. The amendment provides for the authority to petition the court if the liability is not satisfied and for the court to then order the suspension of the registration on the vehicle involved in the failure-to-pay violation. The amendment includes an effective date of July 1, 1995 for those sections of the bill that enact toll violation provisions. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill and also conforms existing law to current drafting standards.

LD 1895 **An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$21,300,000 to Improve Rail and Port Facilities and Make Improvements at State and Municipal Transportation Facilities**

P & S 93

SPONSOR(S)
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BRANNIGAN
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1068 O'GARA
S-540 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

This bill proposed a bond issue, in the amount of \$19,800,000, to be used to improve passenger and freight rail facilities, to construct municipal sand and salt storage facilities and to remove underground fuel tanks at Department of Transportation and State Police facilities.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-540) changes the amount of the bonds to be issued from \$19,800,000 to \$21,300,000 and authorizes the improvement of rail and port facilities. This amendment requires that the referendum be submitted at the primary election in June, rather than at a general election. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1068) requires that the referendum be submitted at the general election in November, rather than at the primary election in June.