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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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LD 1936 **RESOLUTION, Proposing An Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Provide for the Election of a Lieutenant Governor
and to Provide for Succession to the Office of Governor** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LEMKE	ONTP	MAJ	
HANDY	OTP-AM	MIN	

SUMMARY

This constitutional resolution establishes the office of Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor is elected with the Governor by a single vote and assists the Governor with the responsibilities and duties of the office of Governor. The Lieutenant Governor succeeds the Governor in the event the office of Governor is vacant.

LD 1944 **An Act to Improve the Delivery of Law Enforcement Services
in Kennebec County** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
VIGUE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Kennebec County Sheriff to demonstrate a need and receive approval of the county commissioners for any expansion or increase in services. The bill also provides that the Kennebec County Commissioners and sheriff must meet twice a year to review county law enforcement activity and that the State Police must be included in the meeting.

LD 1959 **Resolve, to Provide the Secretary of State with Additional
Time to Validate Petitions for Initiated Legislation** **INDEF PP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GWADOSKY		

SUMMARY

This resolve would have provided a one-time extension of 17 days for the Secretary of State to determine the validity of petitions to limit Congressional terms submitted in January, 1994 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 905. The resolve would also have ensured that the period of time during which any interested party may commence an action in Superior Court was likewise extended. This resolve was sent directly to the floor without reference to committee.

LD 1966 **An Act to Create the Blaine House Commission** **PUBLIC 590**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WHITCOMB	OTP-AM	H-840
DUTREMBLE D		

SUMMARY

This bill creates the Blaine House Commission to oversee the development and implementation of changes to the Blaine House grounds and public rooms.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-840) includes the Legislature as a recipient of the annual report and also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1970 Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Penobscot County for the Year 1994 **RESOLVE 58
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The purpose of this resolve is for the laying of the county taxes and authorizing expenditures of Penobscot County for the year 1994.

LD 1971 Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of York County for the Year 1994 **RESOLVE 59
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The purpose of this resolve is for laying of the county taxes and authorizing expenditures of York County for the year 1994.

LD 1978 An Act Authorizing the Kennebec County Commissioners to Issue Bonds in the Amount of \$1,500,000 for Renovation of the County Court House in Augusta **P & S 86
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES OTP-AM H-1024
BUSTIN

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes Kennebec County to issue general obligation bonds, without voter approval, to pay the costs of substantial repairs and improvements to the Kennebec County Court House.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1024) requires that if the Kennebec County Commissioners choose to approve a bond issue for the court house then this bond issue must be submitted to the voters of Kennebec County for approval.