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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice

LD 10

An Act to Provide for Resident State Police Officers for Municipalities without a Police Force

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUNN	ONTP	MAJ	
BUTLAND	OTP-AM	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized the provision of resident state police officers for municipalities without a police force.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-63) would have replaced the bill and was the minority report. The amendment would have allowed a municipality without an organized police department to contract with the Bureau of State Police to have a state police officer specifically assigned to provide police services to the municipality. The municipality would have had to pay the expenses of providing the assigned state police officer. The amendment also would have added a fiscal note.

LD 14

An Act to Authorize Community Service Work as a Sentencing Alternative

PUBLIC 136

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
POVICH	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-169
CASSIDY	ONTP	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill adds to the sentences authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1152 a direct sentence of performing a certain number of hours of community service work. Under current law, community service work is only authorized as a condition of probation.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-169) replaces the bill and is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice.

This amendment makes new language consistent with current law and enacts a community service work chapter in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A. The amendment also clarifies that an offender who is sentenced to perform community service work for a Class D or Class E crime and defaults must return to court for further disposition. The Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole is not responsible for supervision of community service work imposed pursuant to this new chapter. It is not the intent of this amendment to limit the authority of the court to impose community service work as a condition of parole.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.