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ON
TRANSPORTATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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***Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
June 1996***

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are 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 finally passed 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>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 4, 1996.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 59 **An Act to Repeal the Sensible Transportation Policy Act** ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEGLEY	ONTP MAJ	
CAMPBELL	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 59 proposed to repeal the Sensible Transportation Policy Act, which requires the Department of Transportation, when making planning, capital investment and project decisions, to consider and comply with certain environmental and policy considerations and to establish a procedure for public participation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-439) was the minority report. The amendment updated language in the original bill that was amended by Public Law 1995, chapter 341. It also proposed to repeal additional sections of law that cross-reference the Sensible Transportation Policy Act. The minority report was not accepted.

LD 465 **An Act to Improve the Local Road Assistance Program** PUBLIC 678

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE	OTP-AM	H-684

LD 465 proposed to amend the definition of "average miles maintained," which is used to determine state contributions for the Local Road Assistance Program. It proposed requiring an increase in the number of miles for each mile of road with more than 2 lanes. It specified that the additional funding for the wider roads must come from additional appropriations to the Local Road Assistance Program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-684) proposed use of the term "lane mile" to clarify the extent to which distribution would increase for roads with more than 2 lanes and changed the formula to calculate distribution on a lane-mile basis. It proposed that the change in distribution begin with payments due March 1, 1997.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 678 provides for distribution from the Local Road Assistance Program to be calculated on a lane mile basis, thereby increasing the distribution for roads with more than 2 lanes. The change in distribution begins with payments due March 1, 1997.

LD 739 **An Act to Allow Issuance of Duplicate Registrations for Trailers and Semitrailers** PUBLIC 513

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STONE	OTP-AM	H-687

LD 739 proposed allowing businesses that hold current certificates of registration on 4 or more trailers or semitrailers to keep the original certificates in a central location and requiring