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

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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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25. New Hampshire's Shock Incarceration Program would have had to be used as a model and information from other states and countries could also have been used. The Commissioner of Corrections would have had to present the plan in a report and any necessary implementing legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice by December 1, 1995.

This amendment would also have added a fiscal note.

LD 77 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Develop a Plan for the Employment of Correctional Facility Inmates** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve would have directed the Commissioner of Corrections to develop a plan for the employment of adult inmates in all state correctional facilities and report to the Legislature by December 1, 1995. The commissioner would have had to investigate the feasibility of employing inmates to staff toll-free information numbers from within the facilities. The commissioner also would have had to investigate the feasibility of expanding the Department of Corrections' farm program.

In response to the Committee's request, the Department of Corrections presented a report, "Current Employment Status and Opportunities for Adult Prisoners in the Custody of the Department of Corrections" in May, 1995.

LD 84 **An Act to Increase the Minimum Fines Imposed Upon Persons Who Operate a Motor Vehicle After Their License Is Suspended** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BENOIT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have increased to \$700 the minimum mandatory fine imposed on a person operating a motor vehicle whose license has been suspended for operating under the influence. For other persons who operated a motor vehicle following suspension, and who had a prior conviction for operating after suspension, the fine would have been increased to \$500.

LD 103 **An Act to Grant Certain Federal Officers Limited Authority to Enforce Maine Law** PUBLIC 423

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLUKEY	OTP-AM	H-205

SUMMARY

This bill confers upon United States Border Patrol agents, inspectors and investigators of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice and officers of the United States Customs Service of the Department of the Treasury the statutory authority to enforce Maine law. Notwithstanding the lack of authority, these federal law enforcement officers are presented with serious violations of traffic and criminal statutes that require immediate action and currently assist state, county and local law enforcement agencies when requested.