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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:

CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
FAILED ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<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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LD 324

An Act to Make Procedural Changes to the Maine Turnpike Authority

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HARRIMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have established the position of chief engineer with the Maine Turnpike Authority and directed the Maine Turnpike Authority to establish procedures for contracting engineering services. It would have required the authority to adopt the standard contract specifications used by the Department of Transportation for construction contracts.

LD 325 An Act to Revise the Maine Turnpike Authority's Powers with Respect to Commuter Tolls

**PUBLIC 410
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
HARRIMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-654 MAYO
S-85

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided the Maine Turnpike Authority with greater flexibility in setting its toll rates, including commuter toll rates, in order to develop demand management, air quality promotion and other strategies envisioned in the Sensible Transportation Policy Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-85) replaces the original bill. It provides the Maine Turnpike Authority with greater flexibility in setting its commuter discount rates for a period of 2 years. It requires the authority to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters on congestion pricing studies conducted during that period. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-654) prohibits the Maine Turnpike Authority from imposing variable surcharges based on the time of day. It also clarifies that the evaluation of congestion pricing as a reasonable transportation alternative to widening the Maine Turnpike on a projected basis without actual implementation of congestive pricing meets the criteria of the Sensible Transportation Policy Act.

LD 334 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Transportation to Account for Money Received from the Sale of Loon Plates

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HARRIMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve would have required the Commissioner of Transportation to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to provide an itemized account of all money received and expended in connection with the issuance of the Maine Environmental Trust Fund registration plates.