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BILL SUMMARIES
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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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LD 449 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Assume Auditing Functions for Certain Departments** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAGGETT MILLS	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to assume any auditing functions currently located within other departments in State Government. The resolve also directs the department to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on the cost savings.

LD 453 **An Act Concerning Reasonable Standards and Procedures for Contracting Services by the State** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill establishes standards that must be met by State Government before it contracts for services outside of the civil service system. Notice of intent to contract must be given to employee representatives, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and interested parties.

LD 456 **An Act to Provide Legislators with the Technology to Better Serve Their Constituents and to Make the Legislative Process More Efficient** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GERRY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to purchase computers for Legislators in order for them to better serve their constituents. The Committee referred this item to the Legislative Council for further study.

LD 463 **An Act to Reduce the Legislative Meal Allowance** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
STONE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill reduces the legislative meal allowance from \$32 to \$22 for those Legislators who can drive from their residences to the State House in one hour and 40 minutes or less.