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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:

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 473 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Permit Revenues Derived from the Use of Vehicles on Public Highways and from Alternative Modes of Transportation to be Used for Obtaining Access to Rights-of-Way for Alternative Forms of Transportation** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
BENEDIKT ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolution proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to permit revenues derived from the use of the highways and from alternative modes of transportation and fuels used on the highways and in alternative modes of transportation to be spent on obtaining access to rights-of-way for alternative modes of transportation.

LD 475 **An Act to Revise the Bidding Process for Department of Transportation Projects** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
GATES ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have directed the Department of Transportation to award construction contracts to in-state companies when an in-state company had submitted a bid within 3% of the lowest bid and the lowest bid was submitted by an out-of-state company.

LD 487 **An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Safe Mobility of Maine's Aging Population** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
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SUMMARY

This bill presented the recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Safe Mobility of Maine's Aging Population. It would have provided that one member of the Medical Advisory Board be a gerontologist. It would have required a medical professional to report an individual to the Secretary of State if the medical professional knew or suspected the individual had an uncorrected visual impairment and that individual operated a motor vehicle. It would have required a person to pass a vision exam at every license renewal after age 40. It would have directed the Secretary of State to develop a driver improvement course for drivers meeting the definition of "problem operator." It would have provided for a 2-year license to be issued to persons 75 years of age and older. It would have required pedestrian ways to be considered when projects were reviewed under site law and subdivisions were reviewed by a municipal authority.

The bill would have directed the Department of Transportation to design and implement a data collection system and design and conduct a survey of Maine's population 65 years of age and older to measure unmet transportation needs and evaluate effectiveness of existing transportation services; to develop and implement a centrally coordinated transportation information center and a volunteer driver program; and to educate Maine citizens about alternative transportation.