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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 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 469 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Require Minimum Qualifications for the Treasurer
of State** ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| STONE | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution that provides guidelines for the qualifications of the Treasurer of State.

LD 513 **An Act to Require That the Dollar Value of the Employee
Benefit Package Be Included in All Official Statements
Concerning State and Legislative Salaries** PUBLIC 37

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PERKINS | OTP-AM | H-47 |

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the dollar value of fringe benefits for employees' salaries and positions be included in all publications and records of the Legislature, State Government and local governments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-47) clarifies the definition of fringe benefits, removes municipalities from the requirement and adds a fiscal note.

LD 553 **An Act to Eliminate Benefits Offered to Legislators** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the State from contributing to benefits for Legislators on or after December 1, 1996. Legislators may still participate in the Maine State Retirement System health plan by paying the full premium. This bill requires the State to pay a portion of the premium for an otherwise eligible retiree from the Legislature as long as that Legislator retires before December 1, 1996 or is eligible for the payment due to other state service.

This bill retains all of the provisions of the Maine Legislative Retirement System except that creditable service may not be earned for service after November 30, 1996. This allows current and future legislative retirees to receive a retirement allowance based on any creditable service up to December 1, 1996. Death benefits after November 30, 1996 are limited to the Legislator's accumulated contributions. Death benefits are unchanged for a former Legislator receiving a disability retirement allowance as of December 1, 1996. A cost-of-living adjustment may not be made to any legislative retirement allowance after November 30, 1996.

LD 483 which would eliminate the Legislative Retirement System was carried over by the Labor Committee.