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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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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.

5581LHS

**SUMMARY**

This bill continues authorization for county law libraries located in Houlton, Farmington, Dover-Foxcroft and Belfast.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-50) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 560**      **An Act Concerning Trust Investments by Trustees in  
Affiliated Securities and Bonds**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
KIEFFER VIGUE	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have repealed existing fee provisions applicable to trustees investing in affiliated investments and would have established disclosure requirements for investments by trustees in affiliated investments.

**LD 569**      **An Act to Remove Restrictions on Compensation For Deputy  
District Attorneys**      PUBLIC 39  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
POVICH MILLS	OTP	S-34    MILLS

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the provision that provides that a deputy district attorney's salary may not be more than 90% of the salary designated for the district attorney.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-34) adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**LD 612**      **An Act to Change the Reimbursement Procedure for Law  
Enforcement Personnel Testifying in Court**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LEMONT	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have eliminated the current flat-fee reimbursement of \$10 a day for a law enforcement officer appearing for trial in District Court outside of the officer's regular working hours. It would have replaced it with reimbursement on an hourly basis at the officer's range and step level, the reimbursement method used before the 1991 amendments substituted the flat fee.

**LD 629**      **An Act to Correct Problems Created in Implementing Recent  
Changes in the Adoption Laws**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GWADOSKY	ONTP	