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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

<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.

5581LHS

An Act to Require the Provision of Transportation to Private School Students

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

MURPHY

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

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MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that private school students be accorded the same transportation privileges within a town or combined school district that public school students receive.

LD 706**An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditure of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary**

PUBLIC 368

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

The Part I Budget bill is an Appropriations Committee bill that included the school funding formula for the 1995-96 and 1996-97 school years.

LD 733**An Act to Eliminate the Position and Office of the Chancellor of the University of Maine System**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

AHEARNE

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates the position and office of the Chancellor of the University of Maine System. To accomplish this, the bill:

1. Removes the chancellor from the list of ex officio corporators of the Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation;
2. Repeals the provision requiring the chancellor to present an address on the state of the University of Maine System to the Legislature;
3. Repeals the provision establishing a committee, appointed by the chancellor, whose reporting and implementation dates have passed;
4. Replaces the chancellor with a member representing the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System on the New England Board of Higher Education;
5. Removes a reference to the chancellor in the laws concerning University of Maine System labor relations;
6. Requires the board of trustees rather than the chancellor to appoint a member to the State Board of Substance Abuse Counselors and a member to the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure; and
7. Amends the charter of the University of Maine System to remove all references to and authority of the chancellor and to establish a council made up of the heads of each campus to oversee certain systemwide functions.

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