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117TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON  
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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:

<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.

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**LD 750**      **Resolve, to Authorize a Study of Recreational Uses of the Saco River from the Atlantic Ocean to the New Hampshire Border**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have established the Commission to Study the Recreational Uses of the Saco River from the Atlantic Ocean to the New Hampshire Border.

**LD 757**      **An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Churchill Dam and to Provide for the Use of Controlled Releases of Water**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have appropriated \$1,400,000 to the Department of Conservation to fund the rebuilding of the Churchill Dam on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. This bill would have also required the department to explore all opportunities to use controlled releases from the dam for downstream power generation. New Brunswick Power operates several dams on the St. John River below the Churchill Dam and has in prior years shown an interest in the use of Churchill Lake for water storage for release to downstream hydroelectric facilities. The bill would have required the Commissioner of Conservation to report to the Legislature by January 1, 1996 on actions the department has taken to enter into agreements with New Brunswick Power and the potential revenues associated with any of those agreements.

**LD 849**      **Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Procedures for Documentation of Feline Rabies Inoculations**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

The resolve would have established the Commission to Study Procedures for Documentation of Feline Rabies Inoculations.

**LD 876**      **Resolve, to Require the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to Establish a Revolving Loan Fund to Increase Agricultural Growth in the State**      RESOLVE 15

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
LOOK                                    OTP-AM                                    H-225

**SUMMARY**

The resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature to establish a revolving loan fund to increase agricultural growth in the State and encourage global expansion of Maine agricultural ventures.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-225) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.