

# MAINE STATE 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 862**      **An Act to Dissolve the Northport Village Corporation**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the Private and Special Law that established the Northport Village Corporation and a later Private and Special Law that expanded the powers of the corporation. The bill would allow the administrative duties and powers of the corporation to revert to the Town of Northport.

**LD 877**      **An Act to Change the Department of Corrections' Lease Provisions to Conform with Statutes Regarding Leases of State Buildings by Other Departments**      PUBLIC 111

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
JOHNSON                              OTP  
AMERO

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes the law for the leasing of buildings for the Department of Corrections consistent with those of other state agencies by increasing the lease time from one year to 2 years. It also gives authority to approve the leases to the Director of the Bureau of General Services.

**LD 891**      **An Act to Establish Procedures for Secession and Annexation of Territories**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes standards and procedures for secession and annexation of a territory from a municipality. (See related bills LD 120 and 1571)

**LD 934**      **An Act to Allow Peaks Island and Certain Other Islands in Casco Bay To Vote in a Referendum To Secede from the City of Portland**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the incorporation of Peaks Island, House Island, Pumpkin Knob, Ram Island and Ram Island Ledge into the Town of Peaks Island if the legal residents of those territories approve, by referendum, separation from the City of Portland and incorporation as a separate town. Part B of the bill clarifies the binding arbitration process.