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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 & 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.

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LD 888 **An Act to Establish a Spaying and Neutering Program for Domestic Pets** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

The bill would have established a program to increase the spaying and neutering of domestic pets through a voucher system administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources through local animal shelters. The cost of the program would have been funded by an additional 2% sales tax on pet supplies.

LD 897 **An Act to Ban the Tripping of Equines** PUBLIC 144

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
HANLEY OTP-AM MAJ S-107
 ONTP MIN

SUMMARY

This bill, which is modeled on similar legislation in California, prohibits the tripping of horses.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-107) replaces section 2 of the bill. It prohibits a person from causing an equine to fall or lose its balance by any means. It also defines the term "equine."

The amendment also changes the title of the bill and adds a fiscal note.

LD 899 **An Act to Establish Procedures for Entering Property upon Receiving Complaints of Animal Cruelty** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

The bill would have permitted an animal control officer or a law enforcement officer to enter premises if the officer has reasonable cause to believe that animal cruelty is occurring or that animals are being kept on the premises in a condition that threatens the health or safety of persons.

LD 906 **An Act Authorizing the Director of the Maine Forest Service to Dispose of Facilities and Properties of the Bureau of Forestry in Order to Streamline Operations** INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CASSIDY OTP-AM S-124

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the sale of facilities owned by the Division of Forest Fire Control in the Department of Conservation in order to consolidate and streamline operations. The proceeds will be used to improve the safety and efficiency of remaining facilities and make it possible to bring those facilities up to current building codes without impact on the General Fund. This bill also eliminates an obsolete reference to the sale of property at the state nursery. The Legislature approved the sale of that property last year.