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

This bill allows the Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to designate and post archaeological sites against unauthorized excavation on public property with the permission of the landowner. Existing law already requires landowner permission for posting of private property. This bill also modifies the definition of excavation to more fully protect maritime archaeological sites.

**LD 973 An Act to Improve Maine Students' Preparedness for the
Global Economy by Enhancing Opportunities for Global and
Geographic Education**

PUBLIC 430

SPONSOR(S)
MITCHELL EH**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 H-396
 H-507 MARTIN
 S-391 HANLEY
SUMMARY

This bill provides for the continuation of the Maine Committee for Global Education past its scheduled sunset on June 30, 1995. The committee is authorized to make grants to elementary and secondary schools for the purpose of improving student and teacher skills and knowledge for living and working in the global economy.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-396) makes changes to the membership of the Maine Committee for Global Education, changes the name of the committee to the Maine Committee for Global and Geographic Education and makes minor changes to the duties of the committee. The amendment designates the Maine Geographic Alliance as the fiscal and administrative agent for the committee.

The amendment adds an appropriation of \$60,000 from the General Fund to be matched by a grant of the same amount from the National Geographic Society. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-507) clarifies that the Chair of the Legislative Council must convene the first meeting of the Maine Committee for Global and Geographic Education no later than August 1, 1995.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-391) This amendment reduces the amount of General Fund appropriations provided for grants to \$5,000 in fiscal year 1995-96.

**LD 981 An Act to Amend the Teacher Certification Laws Relating to
Certification Waivers**

PUBLIC 321

SPONSOR(S)
SMALL**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 S-225
SUMMARY

This bill amends the specific criteria under which a teacher, education specialist or administrator may seek a certification waiver by the Commissioner of Education.