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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 1035      Resolve, to Create the Teacher Retirement Advisory Committee**

RESOLVE 40

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
FISHER	OTP-AM      MAJ	H-311
	ONTP          MIN	H-434      FISHER

**SUMMARY**

This resolve creates a Teacher Retirement Advisory Committee to examine the issue whether extracurricular stipends should be included or excluded from earnable compensation for teacher retirement purposes.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-311) eliminates the legislator members of the Teacher Retirement Advisory Committee and strikes the provisions of the resolve providing reimbursement of those members. The amendment also clarifies the charge to the committee and adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-434) clarifies that members of the Teacher Retirement Advisory Committee are not entitled to receive compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

**LD 1046      An Act to Amend the Displaced Homemakers Act**

PUBLIC 153

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BEGLEY	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the number of individuals and broadens the geographic representation and expertise of Displaced Homemakers Advisory Council members.

**LD 1048      An Act to Prohibit the Collection of Unemployment Benefits Based upon Employment During Work Release**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HALL	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the definition of "employment" for purposes of the laws governing unemployment compensation to specifically exclude services performed by prisoners participating in a work release program.

**LD 1056      Resolve, to Create an Advisory Committee to Assist in the Funding of State Employee Workers' Compensation Claims**

CARRIED OVER

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HARRIMAN		

**SUMMARY**

This resolve creates an advisory committee to review the current method of funding workers compensation costs for state employees and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on the best way to fund those costs consistent with fiscal responsibility, efficiency and public accountability. The advisory committee is required to report its recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.