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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.

5581LHS

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation to sell a structure and approximately .82 acres in Augusta and to use the proceeds to purchase land in Kennebec County for public recreation, conservation, scenic value, nature appreciation, historic preservation, public access or related purposes.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-275) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

LD 1129 An Act to Amend the Bidding Process for School Construction Purposes ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill permits the acceptance of a bid that is not the lowest bid for school construction, major alteration or repair if the agency responsible for the project finds that the higher bid meets the needs of the agency more appropriately.

LD 1145 An Act to Require Unanimous Approval by the Hancock County Commissioners to Change the Recommendations of the Budget Committee PUBLIC 147

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
GOLDTHWAIT OTP H-206 BIGL
POVICH

SUMMARY

This bill requires that any changes to the recommendations made by the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee receive unanimous approval by the Hancock County commissioners.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-206) requires that, in order to deviate from a specific budget recommendation made by the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee:

1. The vote of the individual members of the budget advisory committee be recorded and submitted to the Hancock County commissioners along with the specific budget recommendation;
2. A 2/3 majority vote of the full membership of the budget advisory committee be required on a specific budget recommendation; and
3. Unanimous approval of the county commissioners be required to deviate from specific budget recommendations of the budget advisory committee.

LD 1153 An Act to Revise the Somerset County Budget Committee PUBLIC 359

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ROTONDI OTP-AM S-300 AMERO

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the budget for municipal services in the unorganized territory of Somerset County is included under the jurisdiction of the Somerset County Budget Committee. The bill also provides that, beginning in 1996, the Somerset County legislative delegation shall select the members of the delegation to serve on the Somerset County Budget Committee by December 1st every other year.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-300) strikes from the bill provisions relating to approval of the municipal services budget for unorganized territories in Somerset County.

LD 1165 An Act to Incorporate the Town of Biddeford Pool ONTP

SPONSOR(S) JOYCE
COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Part A of this bill authorizes the incorporation of the Town of Biddeford Pool if the legal residents of Biddeford Pool approve, by referendum, separation from the City of Biddeford and incorporation as a separate town.

Part B of this bill requires the parties to negotiate matters of duties and responsibilities in advance of a vote approving the question presented at the referendum election. If the parties fail to agree in a timely fashion, the matters are subject to binding arbitration.

LD 1169 An Act to Allow for the Adjustment of Grant Issuance Procedures ONTP

SPONSOR(S) MAYO
COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires agencies administering grants to amend their procedures to ensure the flexibility to award grants or continue performance of severable projects or programs, even when one of multiple grantees or contractors can not perform its grant program, provided minimum criteria for the grant award or performance can still be met.

LD 1179 Resolve, to Name a Mountain in the Town of Oxford RESOLVE 12

SPONSOR(S) UNDERWOOD
HANLEY
COMMITTEE REPORT OTP
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve names a mountain in the Town of Oxford.

LD 1185 An Act to Give the Washington County Legislative Delegation a Role in the County Budget Process CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) BUNKER
COMMITTEE REPORT
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED