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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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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 1236**An Act Concerning the Transportation of Crushed Vehicles**

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that motor vehicles that have been crushed as part of their disposal process may only be transported on a public way if enclosed on all sides in a solid enclosure.

LD 1255 An Act to Create the Northern New England Passenger Rail AuthorityPUBLIC 374
EMERGENCY**SPONSOR(S)**HARRIMAN
O'GARA**COMMITTEE REPORT**OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

S-202

SUMMARY

This bill creates the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority for the general purpose of promoting passenger rail service. This authority is the successor in interest to the Department of Transportation in promoting this service.

The bill authorizes the transfer of existing funds reserved for railroad improvements in Private and Special Law 1991, chapter 113, Part B, section 6 to the authority.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-202) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1297 An Act to Ensure Consistency in the Laws Governing Maine's Roads

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have made changes in state laws relating to the rights and responsibilities of public officers, landowners and members of the public with regard to municipal ways and other rights of public and private access.

LD 1301 An Act to Transfer Oversight of Commercial Driver Education Programs to the Secretary of State

UNSIGNED

SPONSOR(S)PENDEXTER
BAILEY**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-331

SUMMARY

This bill would repeal the Board of Commercial Driver Education and would relieve the Department of Education of its responsibility to regulate the provisions of driver education in school settings. The bill would also transfer oversight and rule-making authority for all driver education programs to the Secretary of State.