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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:

CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
FAILED ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<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 1163 An Act Allowing Veterinarians to License Dogs ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OTT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have authorized licensed veterinarians to license dogs and charge appropriate licensing and late fees. Any fees collected by a veterinarian would have been submitted to the municipality where the owner or keeper of the dog resides. The bill would have also made the license valid for 2 years and adjusted the current one-year licensing fees to reflect that change.

LD 1264 An Act Regarding the Schedule of the Distribution of Funds from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund PUBLIC 217
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PARADIS	OTP-AM	H-271 CAMERON S-132

SUMMARY

Current law regarding distribution of funds from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund provides that distributions must be made annually. The bill makes the distributions quarterly, on a fiscal year basis.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-132) deletes obsolete language from the original bill. It also adds a fiscal note.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-271) incorporates into the enacting clause reference to Public Law 1995, chapter 65.

LD 1267 An Act to Establish the Maine Outdoor Recreation Council CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
O'DEA		

SUMMARY

The bill would establish the Maine Outdoor Recreation Council. The council would consist of 14 members representing State Government, business interests and various public interests. The council would be established for the purpose of coordinating the development and promotion of outdoor recreation and facilities in the State. Members of the council would receive no compensation. The council would receive assistance, within available resources, from the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

LD 1272 An Act to Require That a Person Providing a Dog to a Laboratory Show Proof of Ownership of the Dog ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WINN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have required that research or teaching institutions of higher education that employ live animals in investigative research or testing require proof of ownership of dogs before accepting them.