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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-331) makes several technical changes to the bill. It clarifies the distinction between commercial driver education school and noncommercial driver education school. It clarifies that a licensed driver education teacher or instructor is authorized to teach driver education as an employee or affiliate of a licensed driver education school. It reduces the proposed examination fee for a Class C operator's license examination from \$15 to \$12. Currently, a Class C license exam is \$10. This amendment also adds transition provisions, allocation sections and a fiscal note to the bill. (See bill summary LD 446).

LD 1308 An Act to Require Roll Bars in Emergency Response Vehicles ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MCALLEVEY CAREY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required emergency vehicles, except for fire apparatus, to be equipped with a roll bar.

LD 1312 Resolve, to Create the Maine 175th Anniversary of Statehood License Plate ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ADAMS	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve would have created a special commemorative simulated motor vehicle registration plate in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Maine. The plate would have been designed and issued by the Secretary of State and displayed during the rest of 1995 and 1996 in place of the front registration plate on most motor vehicles. Revenue generated by sale of the plate in excess of the cost of production and issuance would have been divided equally among the state cultural agencies.

LD 1323 An Act to Widen the Maine Turnpike PUBLIC 341

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUTLAND	OTP-AM	S-282

SUMMARY

This bill proposed a referendum for voters to approve widening of the Maine Turnpike.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-282) allows widening of the Maine Turnpike to 3 lanes for each direction of travel from Exit 1 to, and including, Exit 6A. It requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to complete an evaluation of alternatives by December 15, 1996 and specifies that evaluating the alternatives listed satisfies the requirements for alternative evaluation under the Sensible Transportation Policy Act and rules adopted under the Act. It allows a state agency to issue a permit or license for the widening if the completed evaluation indicates alternatives will not meet the identified need.

It requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to submit an interim report on the alternatives evaluation no later than January 15, 1996. It allows the authority to submit legislation no later than January 15, 1996 to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds to pay for the widening.