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ON  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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 1334**

**Resolve, to Renew the State's Commitment to Family Planning Services for Low-income Women and Teens**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

TOWNSEND  
LAWRENCE  
TREAT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This resolve restores funding to the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health for family planning services that was deappropriated in fiscal year 1994-95. It also establishes a 2-year demonstration project to train 8 recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children to work with families in that program to increase their voluntary use of family planning services to improve readiness for job training and placement in the workforce.

**LD 1342**

**An Act to Eliminate Some Food Stamp Eligible Items and Allow Those Food Stores Authorized to Accept Food Stamps to be Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food Program Vendors**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

POVICH  
HALL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes single-serving snack foods ineligible for purchase with food stamps. This bill also allows food stores and other stores authorized to participate in the federal food stamp program to receive automatic authorization as Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food Program vendors upon filing requests with the Department of Human Services.

**LD 1368**

**An Act to Expand Project Opportunity and Replace Welfare Entitlement Programs with Unemployment Programs**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

PENDEXTER  
JOYNER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends Project Opportunity by: requiring mandatory participation by recipients of AFDC; expanding the project to statewide participation; and prohibiting an increase in AFDC benefits because of an increase in family size to participants for a child that was conceived after eligibility was determined.

This bill also requires the Department of Labor and the Department of Human Services to work together to create an employment program to replace AFDC. Minimum criteria are enumerated.