

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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 &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 1426**      **Resolve, Transferring Jurisdiction of County Bridges to the Department of Transportation**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have given the State exclusive responsibility for the maintenance and repair of bridges on the State's highways, excluding those bridges under the jurisdiction of another entity, such as railroad bridges and bridges over roads maintained by the Maine Turnpike Authority. The resolve also would have required that the Commissioner of Transportation report to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature any statutory changes necessary as a result of implementing this resolve.

**LD 1431**      **An Act to Require the State to Provide Its Share in Implementing the Salt and Sand Schedules**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have clarified that when the State does not provide its share of the costs associated with implementing the time schedule for the salt and sand-salt storage program, an owner or operator can not be cited in violation of the schedule.

**LD 1441**      **An Act Concerning Abandoned Cars**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have done the following:

1. Authorized the Secretary of State to assess points as a traffic infraction for abandonment of a motor vehicle and failure to pay costs of removal and storage;
2. Classified as "abandonment" leaving a vehicle on a public way for more than 24 hours without police permission;
3. Changed the notice requirements for storage companies to dispose of abandoned vehicles;
4. Redefined abandonment for certain purposes and sets additional penalties for abandonment; and
5. Established a police log for removal of abandoned vehicles and a provision for notice to the Secretary of State when the owner of the vehicle is unknown.