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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
TRANSPORTATION

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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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COMMITTEE REPORT

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-542

SUMMARY

The bill affects the motor carrier industry in the following ways.

1. It makes the mandatory minimum fine for log book and over-hours violations \$250.
2. It creates the Motor Carrier Review Board to review motor carriers whose Bureau of Motor Vehicle records indicate significant and repeated motor carrier violations. The board may recommend suspension of the motor carrier's operating authority license to the Secretary of State.
3. It addressed motor carrier training by creating the Committee for Motor Carrier Training. The committee will work in conjunction with the Maine Technical College System to provide entry-level training and continuing education to truck drivers.
4. It requires the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Taxation and the Bureau of State Police to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of opening the York weigh station on Interstate 95 full-time. The study must be completed and a report given to the Legislature by January 31, 1996.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-542) strikes from the bill the section regarding motor carrier training. It directs the Secretary of State to convene a committee to study entry-level training and continuing education for commercial vehicle operators. It requires the committee to report its recommendations and submit any recommended legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1577 An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues
in the Amount of \$58,900,000 to Match up to \$138,000,000 in
Federal Funds for Improvements to Highways, State and Local
Bridges, Airports and Ports**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-627

SUMMARY

The funds provided by this bond issue in Part A of the bill, in the amount of \$51,900,000, will be used to match up to \$135,000,000 in federal funds to make necessary capital improvements to the transportation infrastructure of the State.

Part B creates the Collector Road Improvement Fund, contingent upon passage of the bond issue, designed to promote economic development through targeted investments on the rural, state-aid highway system with state funds awarded on a competitive basis.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-627) changes the amount of money authorized in the bond issue from \$51,900,000 to \$58,900,000 to match up to \$138,000,000 in federal funds and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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