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***Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
June 1996***

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are 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 finally passed 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>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 4, 1996.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-424), the majority report, would have clarified that the interest charged would be simple, not compound, and that it would only be charged for each complete calendar month that the payment had been due. The amendment would have also added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1637 **An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1997**

P & S 58
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP	S-440

The Maine State Retirement System is required by law to present its annual operating budget to the Legislature for approval. LD 1637 is the system's 3rd annual budget. The budget is for the fiscal year 1996-97.

The bill identifies the system's Personal Services costs and its costs for All Other operating expenses. The bill attributes the expenses of the system proportionally among the General Fund; Non-General Fund; and Participating Local Districts.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-440) expresses legislative approval of the collective bargaining agreements between the Maine State Retirement System and its employees as required by law.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 58 is the Maine State Retirement System's annual operating budget for the fiscal year 1996-97. Legislative approval is required by law. Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 58 also expresses legislative approval of the collective bargaining agreements between the Maine State Retirement System and its employees as required by law.

Chapter 58 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 1996.

LD 1698 **An Act to Make Changes to the Disability Plans Administered by the Maine State Retirement System and to Establish a Process for Further Improvements**

PUBLIC 643
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HATCH	OTP-AM	H-899
RAND		H-911

LD 1698 proposed to expedite the decision-making process for disability retirement under the Maine State Retirement System. This bill would have:

1. Permitted the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System to designate additional medical boards to review applications for disability retirement;
2. Required that the executive director of the system submit to the medical board within 30 days of receipt applications for disability retirement; and