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**STATE OF MAINE
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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.

LD 1815**An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997**

P & S 73

Sponsor(s)Committee Report
OTP-AMAmendments Adopted
H-846

LD 1815 proposed allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the authority's fiscal year ending December 31, 1997.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-846) proposed providing supplementary information related to the Maine Turnpike Authority's 1997 budget and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 73 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the authority's fiscal year ending December 31, 1997. It provides supplemental information on capital expenditures and debt service on bonds.

LD 1826**An Act to Allow a Change in the Speed Limit on Certain Highways**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
O'DEACommittee Report
ONTPAmendments Adopted

LD 1826 proposed repealing the maximum speed limits in statute of 65 m.p.h. on the interstate and other divided controlled-access highways and 60 m.p.h. on other highways. The bill proposed requiring a person to operate a vehicle at a reasonable and prudent speed. The bill proposed allowing the Commissioner of Transportation, with the approval of the Chief of the State Police, to impose a maximum speed limit in those areas determined dangerous based upon an engineering and traffic investigation.

LD 1829**Resolve, to Name a Portion of Highway in Millinocket in Honor of Prisoners of War and Those Designated as Missing in Action and to Name Portions of Roads That Follow the St. George River**RESOLVE 73
EMERGENCYSponsor(s)
CLARK
STEVENS ACommittee Report
OTP-AMAmendments Adopted
H-788
H-851

LD 1829 proposed designating part of Route 157 in Millinocket as a "POW-MIA Highway."

Committee Amendment "A" (H-788) proposed clarifying that plaques designating this portion of highway as a "POW-MIA Highway" will be designed and created by the local Marine Corps League.