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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 1821 **Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in Certain Real Estate and Personal Property Held by Various State Agencies at 6 Locations**

RESOLVE 80

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL EH AMERO	OTP-AM	H-806 S-583

LD 1821 proposed to give the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to lease or to convey ownership or possession of certain state property to purchasers or lessees. The commissioner would be able to list the properties with one or more real estate brokers, solicit bids by newspaper advertisement or sell directly to purchasers. The commissioner would have established the purchase price and the terms of sale or lease.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-806) proposed to eliminate the conveyance of the Aroostook County property and clarifies that revenues that exceed a certain amount must be deposited in either the Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance or the General Fund, depending on the amount of excess. This amendment also proposed to add an allocation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-583) proposed to add the Bath Children's Home to the properties that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is authorized to sell or lease.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1995, chapter 80 gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to lease or to convey ownership or possession of certain state property to purchasers or lessees. The commissioner may list the properties with one or more real estate brokers, solicit bids by newspaper advertisement or sell directly to purchasers. The commissioner shall establish the purchase price and the terms of sale or lease.

LD 1828 **An Act to Transfer Land from the Town of Brownfield to the Town of Hiram**

P & S 69

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRUE	OTP-AM	H-791

LD 1828 proposed to establish a new boundary between the Town of Hiram and the Town of Brownfield by transferring to the Town of Hiram a portion of land and all of the Notch Road that extends through the Town of Brownfield.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-791) proposed to add a mandate preamble, an effective date requiring an affirmative vote by the residents of Brownfield and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 69 establishes a new boundary between the Town of Hiram and the Town of Brownfield by transferring to the Town of Hiram a portion of land and all of the Notch Road that extends through the Town of Brownfield. The transfer is effective upon approval of the voters of the Town of Brownfield.

**LD 1840 Resolve, for Laying the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Piscataquis County for the Year 1996 RESOLVE 66
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
 OTP

LD 1840 proposed to authorize the laying of the county taxes and expenditures of Piscataquis County government for the year 1996.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1995, chapter 66 authorizes the laying of county taxes and expenditures of Piscataquis County government for the year 1996 and was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 1996.

**LD 1844 An Act Authorizing County Commissioners to Enact Ordinances Concerning Addressing Standards for Enhanced 9-1-1 Services in the Unorganized Territories PUBLIC 607
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
AMERO OTP
DONNELLY

In order to provide enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone services in the unorganized territories, the county commissioners must assign and maintain physical addresses. The Attorney General has expressed the opinion that this does not constitute a "service" within the meaning of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 7501, subsection 6. LD 1844 proposed to provide specific statutory authority to permit the county commissioners to enact an ordinance to establish standards for assigning and maintaining physical addresses for the purpose of enhanced 9-1-1 service in the unorganized territories.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 607 provides specific statutory authority to permit the county commissioners to enact an ordinance to establish standards for assigning and maintaining physical addresses for the purpose of enhanced 9-1-1 service in the unorganized territories. The law was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 2, 1996.

**LD 1845 Resolve, for Laying the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Penobscot County for the Year 1996 RESOLVE 67
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
 OTP