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**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

***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 1872 **Resolve, to Secure a Release of Property from the State**

RESOLVE 81

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCORMICK SHIAH	OTP-AM	S-536

LD 1872 proposed to authorize the release of the State's interest in a parcel of land that escheated to the State when the owner died intestate, with no known heirs, in 1960. Subsequently, in 1965, the property was purchased by the Arlt family from the Town of Richmond. However, there has never been any legislative action taken regarding the transfer of this property. Thus, this resolve is necessary to quiet title to the property.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-536) proposed to replace the resolve and establish a dollar amount, not to exceed \$12,240, for the conveyance of certain parcels of land situated in the Town of Richmond. The amendment also proposed to clarify the tax map lots of the property and adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1995, chapter 81 authorizes the conveyance of the State's interest in certain parcels of land in Richmond for not more than \$72,240. The land that escheated to the State when the owner died intestate, with no known heirs, in 1960.

LD 1878 **Resolve, to Amend the 1995 Kennebec County Budget**

RESOLVE 77

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MADORE		

LD 1878, which was engrossed without reference to committee, proposed to amend last year's budget resolve for Kennebec County to account for reimbursements for housing state and federal prisoners that exceeded budgeted amounts and for associated costs that also exceeded budgeted amounts. The amendment restores balance in the county budget and makes funds available to pay the costs incurred. It does not affect the amount raised by taxation.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1995, chapter 77 amends the 1995 Kennebec County budget to account for reimbursements to the county for housing state and federal prisoners that exceeded budgeted amounts and for associated costs that also exceeded budget amounts.

LD 1881 **Resolve, for Laying the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 1996**

RESOLVE 82
EMERGENCY

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

LD 1881 proposed to authorize the laying of the county taxes and expenditures of Kennebec County government for the year 1996.