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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

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:

CARRIED OVER ....*Bill carried over to Second Session*
CON RES XXX ....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE .... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES ....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT .... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
EMERGENCY ....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT ....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED ENACTMENT .... *Bill failed to get majority vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT ....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
INDEF PP ....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
ONTP... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
P&S XXX..*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
PUBLIC XXX.. *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
RESOLVE XXX... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
UNSIGNED ....*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*
VETO SUSTAINED ....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is December 7, 1996.

LD 1893   **An Act to Conform the Maine Tip Credit to the Federal Tip**   **POCKET VETO**
             Credit

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
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Under current Maine law and federal law, the effective minimum wage for employees who earn tips is 50% of the minimum wage. An employer is entitled to take a tip credit of up to 50% of the minimum wage to account for tips received by the employee. Under a pending change in federal law, the minimum wage will increase to $4.75 on October 1, 1996 and the effective minimum wage for employees who earn tips will be frozen at its current level of $2.13 per hour. This bill proposed making the required wage for employees who earn tips under state law the same as it is under federal law.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-923) added a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-601) removed the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill.