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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees  
August 1997**

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. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

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 Regular 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 IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*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*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD KERR	OTP-AM	S-59

LD 266 proposed to amend Maine law to make it consistent with federal law governing fair housing for older persons by removing language that referred to federal requirements for significant facilities and services that are no longer in existence.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-59)** proposed to delete a reference to regulations adopted by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be consistent with the removal of the language requiring significant facilities and services as defined by HUD regulation in the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1997, chapter 85 amends Maine law to make it consistent with federal law governing fair housing for older persons by removing language that refers to federal requirements for significant facilities and services that are no longer in existence.

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

LD 285 proposed to repeal the statutory authority of the Task Force on Defense Realignment and the Economy. The Task Force on Defense Realignment and the Economy was created in 1991 to monitor reductions in federal defense spending and military base realignments, coordinate statewide responses to these reductions and develop a plan to reduce the State's defense dependency. The legislative charge of the task force has been met and no further military base closures are anticipated, the continuation of the task force is no longer necessary nor desirable.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1997, chapter 15 repeals the statutory authority for the Task Force on Defense Realignment and the Economy. The task force was created in 1991 to monitor reductions in federal defense spending and military base realignments, coordinate statewide responses to these reductions and develop a plan to reduce the State's defense dependency. As the legislative charge of the task force has been met and no further military base closures are anticipated, the continuation of the task force is no longer necessary nor desirable.