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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 19 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TOXICOLOGICAL TESTS
IN THE EVENT OF A RECREATIONAL BOATING
FATALITY

ALLEN
MATTHEWS Z
CLARK H
CONNERS

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have required operators of watercraft involved in fatal accidents to submit to blood-alcohol tests to determine if they were operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

LD: 29 AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSSESSION OF
FIREWORKS

PAUL
GREENLAW
FOSS
SIMPSON

ND: 755

OTP-ND HPO543 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The original bill just clarified the definition of "possession" of fireworks. Based on information from the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Committee decided to rework the entire chapter on fireworks. See L.D. 755.

LD: 33 AN ACT RELATING TO ABSENTEE VOTING

KANY
BERUBE
CHONKO
MELENDY
PUBLIC
CH # 357

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

H-308	CA	REEVES		
H-322	CA	PERRY	H	S
H-325	CA	HANDY		
S-129	CA		H	S
S-144	CA	DANTON	H	S

SUMMARY:

The original bill removed the notary requirement for absentee ballots to encourage balloting through the mails. It also removed a source of improper influence.

The Committee Amendment replaced the entire bill and incorporated almost all the changes in absentee voting which the Committee approved (See LD 1594). The Amendment made it easier to obtain absentee ballots, eased eligibility for voters who are working during the entire time the polls are open, allows voting in the clerk's presence, and relaxed the witness requirements. Candidates and their immediate families were prohibited in witnessing ballots. The amendment also lists the specific reasons why a ballot may