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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF PROPERTY TAXES LVWD
1118 ON PERSONS WHO ARE ELDERLY AND TO COUNT THE
YEARS 1983, 1984, AND 1985 WHEN THE INCOME
ALLOWANCE WAS NOT INCREASED WITH THE INCREASE
IN SOCIAL SECURITY

Sponsor: FARNUM
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill increases income eligibility levels for
the Elderly Tax and Rent Refund Program to \$7,600 for
individuals and \$8,800 for households with 2 more members.

See LD 721.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR LVWD
1129 HOMESTEAD PROPERTY

Sponsor: SOUCY, Mills, Mayo
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Provides an exemption equal to 10% of the just
value of property which is the primary residence of the
taxpayer and has been owned by the taxpayer for at least 15
years.

LD RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LVWD
1134 CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON
INCREASES IN THE LOCAL PROPERTY TAX

Sponsor: JACKSON, Zirkilton, Hanley
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Proposes a constitutional amendment to limit any
increases in either the valuation of property or the local
property tax rate. The limit would be the lower of the
increase in the federal Consumer Price Index or the
increase in real personal ways in the State. The proposal
contains an emergency provision for exceeding allowable
limits when approved by 3/5 majority of the legislative
body of the municipality.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION TO ONTP
1165 YOUTH SCOUTING ORGANIZATIONS

Sponsor: HIGGINS, Zirkilton, Strout, B., Twitchell
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Provides a sales tax exemption to youth
organizations such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.