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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 STRENGTHEN THE VICTIM'S ABILITY TO LVWD
1229 ADDRESS THE COURT AT A CRIMINAL SENTENCING

Sponsor: SOUCY
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to require prosecutors to notify the victim of a crime of an impending plea bargain in the criminal case. The victim who wished to do so could then have appeared and addressed the court at the time the plea bargain was presented to the court.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO A COURT APPEARANCE BY A LVWD
1230 PROPERTY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF A LANDLORD

Sponsor: MANNING, Brannigan, Paradis, P.
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 1230 proposed to authorize a property manager or his employee, even if they are not an attorney, to represent a landlord in forcible entry and detainer actions in court to evict tenants from the landlord's property.

LD RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LVWD
1232 CONSTITUTION OF MAINE RELATING TO SALARIES
RECEIVED BY JUDGES WHO HAVE BEEN RELIEVED OF
THEIR DUTIES

Sponsor: FOSS, MacBride
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill proposed a constitutional amendment to require that, if a judge is relieved of his duties pending an investigation of possible misconduct, he shall not be paid during that time. Upon a determination that no misconduct occurred, the judge could have been repaid for the compensation lost.

LD AN ACT TO REINSTATE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN ONTP
1236 CERTAIN MURDER CASES

Sponsor: HEPBURN, Lebowitz, Callahan
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 1236 proposed to reinstate the death penalty for persons convicted of murders where 3 or more persons have been killed in one event, where 2 or more persons have been killed in separate events or where the victim was under 18 years old, a police officer or a corrections officer. Death would be by lethal injection. The bill called for 2 separate juries to be empanelled for such cases, one to hear and decide the accused's guilt or