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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 PROHIBIT CANDIDATES FROM RECEIVING, ND LD 1712
1433 WITNESSING OR ACCEPTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Sponsor: SEAVEY, Begley, Hepburn, Crowley
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1712

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1712.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LVWD
1444 FIRECRACKERS

Sponsor: RANDALL, Look, Whitmore, Telow
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would legalize the sale of certain fireworks called "snappers" or "bangsnaps," which make a snapping sound when dropped.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A 10% SURTAX ON FINES TO BE CARRY-OVER
1452 DEDICATED TO THE MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY
IN LIEU OF TUITION PAID BY MUNICIPALITIES

Sponsor: VOSE, Gwadosky, Jacques
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: This bill would provide funding for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy by placing a 10% surtax on fines. The amounts would be deposited into a dedicated fund for the use of the Academy; any surplus would go into the General Fund.

The Legal Affairs Committee will carry-over this bill and LD 790, and will study the issues in the interim to make recommendations for next session.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LICENSING LAWS PL 1987
1466 c. 151

Sponsor: BLACK, Dillenback, Lord, Ruhlin
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 27

SUMMARY: The original bill would allow incorporated civic organizations to hold up to 6 events licensed for the sale of liquor per year. The bill did not address the duration of each event, nor did it make all the changes necessary to increase the number of events from one event annually under current law, to the proposed 6 events.

The New Draft adds 4 additional licenses to current law. Each new license will be valid for only 1 day, and the licenses may not be used for consecutive days.