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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 21 An Act to Expand the Lemon Law to Include Recreational Vehicles ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TRACY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill adds recreational vehicles to the vehicles covered under the Maine Lemon Law.

LD 30 An Act Regarding the Improper Installation of Chimneys and Fireplaces ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LARRIVEE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill includes hearths and other related masonry parts in the definition of fireplace in the law concerning construction standards for chimneys and fireplaces. The bill also makes anyone who constructs or installs a chimney or fireplace in violation of the standards liable for the cost of repair or reconstruction.

LD 60 An Act to Ensure Access to Boards of Directors PUBLIC 85

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN MELENDY	OTP-AM	S-67

SUMMARY

This bill requires that boards of directors of nonprofit corporations make provisions to ensure that all employees have access to the directors, which provisions are to include an annual meeting.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the provisions of the bill, forbids the termination of an employee for contact with the board and forbids the board to prohibit employees from contacting the board.

LD 116 An Act to Amend the Real Estate Brokerage Laws PUBLIC 53

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI REED G	OTP-AM	H-64 SHELTRA S-27

SUMMARY

This bill addresses errors and omissions in the real estate brokerage laws. The bill:

1. Amends the definition for public members to be appointed to the Real Estate Commission by requiring that the public members have no current professional or financial connection to the real estate business;
2. Amends the causes for disciplinary action against a designated broker to include any person who may be acting on the agency's behalf, such as an owner or corporate officer;