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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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 171      An Act to Strengthen the State's Role in Drug-related Prosecution      CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
PARADIS P  
GAUVREAU  
RICHARDS

**SUMMARY**

This bill would establish clear guidelines for the prosecution in federal and state court of drug offenses.

**LD 174      Resolve, to Review the Probate System of Maine      LV/MD**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
KETOVER  
FARNSWORTH  
PARADIS P  
GAUVREAU  
LV/WD

**SUMMARY**

The resolve would have established a study commission to review the Probate Court system. The issue has been referred to the Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Courts.

**LD 191      An Act to Change the Term "Handicap" in the Maine Human Rights Act      PUBLIC 99**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MCCORMICK  
OTP-AM  
S-53

**SUMMARY**

The bill changes the terminology from "handicapped" to "disabled" in the Maine Human Rights Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-53) further changes the language of the bill concerning persons with physical or mental disability.

**LD 211      An Act to Ban Tree Spiking      PUBLIC 559**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BALDACCI  
OTP-AM  
S-89

**SUMMARY**

The bill specifically includes tree spiking as a form of criminal mischief, a Class D crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-89) adds a fiscal note.