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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 218 An Act to Amend Laws Relating to Political Campaigning ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MACBRIDE ONTP

SUMMARY

Current law prohibits the display of "advertising material" intended to influence voters within 250 feet of the polls on election day, but does not define "advertising material." This bill would have provided that advertising material includes all written material containing the name or photograph of a candidate, and prohibited distribution of those items within 250 feet of the polls on election day. See also LD 1053.

LD 230 An Act to Restrict the Use of the Term "Reelect" in Election Campaigns ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CARPENTER ONTP
NORTON
PLOURDE

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided that only the incumbent candidate for elective office in state, county or municipal elections may use the term "reelect" in any campaign literature and would have made improper use of the term a Class E crime.

LD 238 An Act to Reimburse Philip Wolley for Litigation Expenses Incurred in Connection with His Termination and Reinstatement as a State Employee ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CROWLEY ONTP
GOULD R R

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided funds in the amount of \$15,200 to reimburse Philip Wolley for litigation expenses incurred in connection with his termination and subsequent reinstatement as a state employee.

LD 251 An Act Concerning Liquor Licenses for Small Stores CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
HASTINGS
TWITCHELL
PLOURDE

SUMMARY

This bill would create a liquor license that would permit small grocery stores to sell beer and to permit the beer to be consumed on the premises along with the consumption of pizza, or other prepared food that the grocery store sells. The bill would create a new license, a Class VI-B license, that would permit this activity. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.