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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 604 An Act to Redefine the Term "Committee" in the Maine Sunset Act

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
MANNING

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have redefined the term "committee" in the Maine Sunset Act to mean the joint standing committee of the Legislature having subject matter jurisdiction over any agency or independent agency subject to review. The Maine Sunset Act currently defines the term "committee" to mean the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over audit and program review matters. The bill also would have required the Legislative Council to transfer existing permanent full-time staff currently serving the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review to serve the joint standing committees.

LD 616 An Act to Establish a Budget Advisory Committee in Oxford County

PUBLIC 204

SPONSOR(S)
ERWIN
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BARTH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-234

SUMMARY

This bill established and provided the selection process for the Oxford County Budget Advisory Committee and the process of budget hearings, review and submission.

Committee Amendment "A" made a minor technical change in how vacancies are filled; added the requirement that public hearings on the budget estimate be held at times convenient for the public; and created an additional check on changes made to the budget by the county commissioners by permitting a 2/3 vote of the budget advisory committee membership to reject the change.

LD 628 An Act to Ensure Community Participation in Substance Abuse Programs and Planning

PUBLIC 557

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-154

SUMMARY

This bill would have modified the language of existing law to require the State to fund the regional alcohol councils of Maine and the Maine affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and to base funding levels on identified needs and costs.

Committee Amendment "A" removed the requirement that the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse ensure funding to the Maine affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and modified the requirement to fund the regional alcohol councils by adding a provision that the councils be funded to the extent that funds are available.