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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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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 700 An Act to Bring Conformity to the Application of Comprehensive Planning Ordinances ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KILKELLY	ONTP	
DAGGETT		
CARROLL D		
MCCORMICK		

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the limits on municipal regulation of mobile homes and mobile home parks, and would have required them to be subject to the same municipal regulations and requirements as single-family dwellings and developments of single-family dwellings.

LD 730 An Act Concerning the Retention of Power Packs Used in Ballot Counting Machines LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MCCORMICK	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

Current law requires election materials to be retained for 22 months to serve as evidence in any fraud investigation. This bill would have permitted a memory pack, which is the computer program that counts ballots in a voting machine, to be reused in an election that occurs within the 22-month retention period as long as the municipality has a written copy of the computer program.

LD 748 An Act Related to Theft of Services for Rental Property ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MORRISON	ONTP MAJ	
GRAHAM	OTP-AM MIN	
GARLAND		

SUMMARY

Under this bill, a person would have been guilty of the crime of theft of services if the person retained possession of rental property after the expiration or termination of the tenancy, knowing that to do so was to obtain a service available only for compensation, by a means designed to avoid due payment for the service.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-212), the minority committee report, would have provided that a person committed theft of services if the person vacated the property without notice before the end of the lease, by a means designed to avoid paying for the remaining lease term.

LD 776 An Act Relating to Credit Terms for Retail Liquor Licensees ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DIPIETRO	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed wholesale liquor sellers to extend credit to retail liquor sellers for 30 days for the purchase of malt beverages and table wine.