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115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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 955 An Act to Amend the Liquor Laws Pertaining to the Retail Sale of Wine ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL P JALBERT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed the retail sale of wines with higher alcohol content such as madeira, port, sherry, marsala and vermouth by licensees now permitted to sell only malt liquor and table wine.

LD 962 Resolve, to Allow Scott Keirstead and Don Keirstead, Who Are a Partnership Farming Operation Located in Presque Isle, Known as Keirstead Farm, to Bring a Civil Action against the State ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PEARSON	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized Scott Keirstead and Don Keirstead to sue the State for damages resulting from alleged negligence by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in the process of inspecting and analyzing potatoes.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-119), part of the minority committee report, would have added a fiscal note.

LD 981 Resolve, Authorizing Peter K. Sweck of Columbia Falls to Bring a Civil Action against the State ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LOOK VOSE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized Peter K. Sweck to sue the State for damages resulting from alleged damage to his blueberry field by deer.

LD 1005 An Act to Prohibit Corporations from Contributing to Political Campaigns ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDSON MITCHELL E PENDLFTON	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited for-profit corporations from making contributions to a candidate or to influence the outcome of a ballot question.