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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 1133 An Act to Amend Sentences of Imprisonment for Class A Crimes Other Than Murder CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY

SUMMARY

The bill would decrease the maximum sentence for Class A crimes from 40 years to 20 years.

LD 1140 An Act Relating to Name Changes During Divorce Proceedings PUBLIC 189

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FARNSWORTH OTP-AM H-188

SUMMARY

The bill allows husbands, as well as wives, to request a change of name at the time of the final hearing for divorce or annulment. The bill requires the court to grant the request if the request is for a return to any former name. The bill clarifies that it is still within the court's discretion to grant a request for a change of name to anything other than a former name.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-188) replaces the bill. It makes technical corrections in the wording to carry out the intent of the bill. See LD 352.

LD 1149 An Act to Amend the Child Support Law to Include Coverage for Children in College (By Request) ONTP

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

SUMMARY

The bill would have required child support to be paid beyond the age of 18 or 19 until the child graduates from secondary school and works year-round; becomes a member of the U.S. Armed Forces; completes less than a 4-year degree at a post-secondary institution with no intent to complete a 4-year degree; or completes a nursing program, vocational or technical program or a training school leading to employment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-520) (Minority report) replaced the bill. It would have provided that child support may be required by a child support order for a child who is pursuing post-secondary education, but not beyond the child's 21st birthday.