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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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 1802 An Act to Adopt a New Article for the Uniform Commercial Code**

**CARRIED OVER**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY GAUVREAU		

**SUMMARY**

The bill would adopt a new Article 2A into the Uniform Commercial Code. The new article would provide procedures and requirements for leases.

**LD 1812 An Act to Discourage Motor Vehicle Theft**

**CARRIED OVER**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TWITCHELL		

**SUMMARY**

The bill would establish the Motor Vehicle Chop Shop, Stolen and Altered Property Act. It would establish a new crime of owning, operating or conducting a "chop shop" or engaging in activities that assist chop shop activities. It would create a new crime of altering or removing vehicle identification numbers. It would also create a new crime of buying, selling or possessing motor vehicle parts with an altered or remove vehicle identification number. Finally, it would provide for associated crimes of attempt, conspiracy, solicitation, aiding and abetting and acting as an accessory after the fact. Penalties would include fines and imprisonment, seizure of tools and equipment, forfeiture of tools and equipment. It would also include provisions for civil actions by aggrieved persons.

**LD 1814 An Act to Amend the Provisions Regarding Post-judgment Interest**

**PUBLIC 489**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FARNSWORTH MITCHELL E MARSANO	OTP-AM	H-462 H-532 PARADIS P

**SUMMARY**

The bill amends the post-judgment interest provision to make large awards subject to interest at close to the same rate as smaller awards within the jurisdictional limits of the District Court. The bill sets the interest at T-bill rate plus 8%.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-462) amends the rate to be the existing T-bill rate or 15%, whichever is greater.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-532) (approved by the Committee) amends the rate to be T-bill rate plus 7%.