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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:

<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 1845 An Act to Require the Use of People First Language in the  
Maine Revised Statutes and to Authorize Administrative  
Implementation of Associated Changes in Terminology**

**CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
RYDELL BRANNIGAN AULT		H-536

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended numerous terms which relate to people who are incapacitated or who have disabilities to use people first terminology. The bill also established a mechanism by which the changed terms could have been incorporated into existing law and disseminated to users of the laws.

Committee amendment "A" clarified the language that will replace several of the terms identified in the bill.

**LD 1849 An Act Relating to Staff of the Maine State Retirement  
System**

**CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
JALBERT MAYO		

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to provide the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System with more autonomy in exercising its fiduciary responsibilities under the laws governing the Maine State Retirement System in matters relating to personnel employed by the system. Neither the benefits or the standing of the employees under the civil service laws and rules or collective bargaining contracts were affected. This bill was carried over to the second session of the Legislature.

**LD 1854 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine to Provide Greater Legislative Oversight over Agency  
Rulemaking**

**DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GRAY GWADOSKY CLARK N LORD	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This resolution would have allowed the Legislature to oversee implementation of its rule-making authority by reviewing and, if necessary, vetoing administrative rules.