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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 2150 An Act to Provide Broader Immunity to Licensed Facilities and Establishments Donating Food

**PUBLIC 739
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GILL PENDLETON O'DEA	OTP-AM	S-603

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to broaden the existing immunity provisions applying to persons or organizations donating food to charitable or nonprofit organizations for free distribution.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-603): The amendment replaces the bill and provides broader immunity for a narrower group of food donors than that provided in the bill. Immunity would exist for all conduct other than intentional misconduct. Only hospitals, health care facilities, restaurants and other eating establishments that are licensed by the State are eligible to receive this immunity, and the immunity only applies if the donor donates in accordance with guidelines established by the recipient organization. If there are no guidelines, or the donation does not meet the guidelines, the donor may receive the more limited immunity provided by current law.

The amendment makes the changes effective immediately.

LD 2162 An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine

**PUBLIC 824
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GAUVREAU PARADIS P	OTP-AM	S-676 S-696 GAUVREAU

SUMMARY

The bill corrects format, cross-references, conflicts and other errors in the laws of Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-676): The amendment strikes 25 sections from the original bill. Some of these sections are corrected and restored in Part B of this amendment. Others are deleted because they are substantive or are covered in other bills. Only technical changes are included in the bill as amended by the Committee Amendment.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-696): The amendment makes corrections that are substantive changes in the law.

LD 2169 An Act to Ensure That Funds Collected from Restitution are Deposited in Interest-bearing Accounts

PUBLIC 816

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MELENDY CROWLEY	OTP-AM	H-1112

SUMMARY

The bill requires any agency receiving payments of restitution or fines to deposit any money received in an interest-bearing account.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1112): The amendment deletes the section of the bill requiring that District Court fines and fees be deposited in interest-bearing accounts. The amendment also changes the payment