

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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Committee Amendment "A" (S-43), the majority committee report, prohibits the racing of greyhounds for public exhibition and prohibits the transmitting or receiving of interstate simulcasting of greyhound racing for commercial purposes. The amendment requires that a person who violates this new chapter be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$7,500, payable to the state. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

**LD 80      An Act to Permit the Saco River Corridor Commission to      ONTP**  
**Adopt Ordinances Governing Alcohol Use within the Corridor**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
HANLEY                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have granted the Saco River Corridor Commission authority to regulate the use of alcohol on land and water within the corridor. It would have granted the commission authority to adopt rules to regulate that behavior, provide that the rules preempt municipal ordinances related to alcohol use and specifically authorize municipal law enforcement officials to enforce those rules.

**LD 85      An Act to Prohibit the Chief of the State Police from      ONTP**  
**Participating in Political Advertising**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
LEMKE    ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the Chief of the State Police from participating in a paid political advertisement for a candidate for public office or a ballot initiative.

**LD 115      Resolve, to Direct the State to Compensate Property Owners      ONTP**  
**and Business Owners on Sebago Lake for Damages Incurred**  
**as a Result of Low Water Levels**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
KUTASI    ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have required the State to compensate property and business owners around Sebago Lake for damages incurred as a result of the lowering of the water level from the 1990 water level. The resolve states that the State does not have direct authority over the water level in Sebago Lake, but did work with the owners of the hydroelectric plant that affects the lake level and with other interested parties to establish a water level that resulted in the water being lower in 1991 and 1992 than it had been in the previous years.