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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.

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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 & 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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Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation

LD 46 **An Act Concerning Installation of Propane Gas Water Heaters** PUBLIC 9

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JONES	OTP-AM	H-22 H-24 KONTOS

SUMMARY

The bill allows propane gas installers to install propane gas water heaters.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-22) defines a propane gas installer as someone who has been trained by that person's employer in accordance with the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association.

House Amendment "A" (H-24) to Committee Amendment "A" corrects a technical error.

LD 67 **An Act to Amend the Public Works Contractors' Surety Bond Law of 1971** PUBLIC 436

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FARREN	OTP-AM	H-35

SUMMARY

Current law requires contractors on public works projects to post surety bonds if the value of the contract exceeds \$50,000. This bill raises the amount at which bonds are required to \$100,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-35) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 73 **An Act to Establish Hours of Education for the Practice of Public Accountancy** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

Currently, to be a certified public accountant a person must have a bachelor's degree. This bill sets the educational requirements for licensure as a certified public accountant at 150 hours, which is generally the requirement for a master's degree, and requires that the person's education include an accounting concentration.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-33) adds a fiscal note to the bill.