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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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LD 208 **An Act Concerning Harness Racing**

PUBLIC 95
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
TARDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-121
S-75 CAREY

SUMMARY

This bill repeals obsolete wording regarding harness racing and also authorizes the simulcasting of dog racing at pari-mutuel racetracks.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-121) clarifies that the State Harness Racing Commission may authorize licensees of extended meets to provide for the simulcasting of entire racing cards for horse racing. The amendment strikes the provision allowing for interstate simulcasting of dog racing.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-75) makes the bill an emergency measure.

LD 211 **An Act Related to Lottery Machines**

PUBLIC 397
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
GRAY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-319
H-639 DAGGETT
S-190 CAREY

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Maine State Lottery Commission to devise a plan that makes it easier for small businesses to have lottery machines.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-319) clarifies that the State Lottery Commission shall formally adopt a written plan that addresses the placement of lottery machines by November 1, 1993. The purpose of this is to inform all applicants of the criteria and requirements for awarding and removing lottery machines and to create a consistent and fair process for placement and removal of lottery machines in small as well as large stores. The amendment also requires the commission to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs before November 1, 1993, so that the committee may review the plan before it is implemented; the commission may not remove any more machines until a formal plan is implemented. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-639) to Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that plan adopted by the lottery commission be adopted by rule and that any removal of a lottery machine be reported to the Legislature within 30 days of the removal.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-190) to Committee Amendment "A" makes the bill an emergency measure. The amendment specifies that the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs must approve the commission's plan before it is implemented. The amendment also replaces the fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-283) to Committee Amendment "A" would have postponed to January 15, 1994 the date by which the State Lottery Commission must adopt a plan and would have restricted the removal of lottery machines after that date unless the plan was implemented.