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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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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7. The amendment reinstates the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 2519, subsection 5, establishes an enrollment fee of \$28 for alcohol server education courses provided by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement.
8. The amendment clarifies the penalties for illegal importation of spirits, malt liquor and wine.
9. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-184) makes a technical change to the bill.

LD 635 An Act to Allow Certain Minors on the Premises of Class A Lounges ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided for a bracelet approved by the State Liquor Commission for issuance to minors that would have allowed the minors entry into Class A lounges.

LD 636 An Act to Prohibit the Charging of Rents in Advance ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
O'DEA	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have clarified that an advance rent payment is part of the tenant's security deposit, since it is held to secure performance of the rental agreement. This would have made clear that the collection of advance rent is limited by the current law limiting a security deposit to 2 months' rent. Advance rent would not have included rent collected for the next upcoming rental period, such as rent collected on the last day of a month to pay for the upcoming month. A landlord would not have been able, however, to justify the collection of several months' rent as the initial rental collection by considering the rental period to be longer than one month.

LD 646 An Act to Change the Time of the State Primary ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the date of primary elections in Maine from the 2nd Tuesday in June to the 2nd Tuesday in September. The dates for signing and filing primary petitions would have been changed to maintain the same amount of time between the signing and filing of the petition and the primary as under current law.

The bill would also have changed the date for signing nomination petitions for unenrolled candidates to correspond with the dates of signing petitions for enrolled candidates.