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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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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LD 718 An Act to Amend the Recording Requirements for Proceedings Involving Real Estate

PUBLIC 114

SPONSOR(S)
FARNSWORTH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-139

SUMMARY

The bill makes corrections to existing law concerning the recording of judgments in judicial proceedings involving real estate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-139) makes technical corrections and clarifies recording of Probate Court actions, where judgments must be recorded and the effect of unrecorded judgments.

LD 721 An Act Concerning Financial Contributions Made by a Nonparent Regarding Child Support Obligations

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
PENDLETON

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have limited the consideration of income and financial contributions by a domestic associate or current spouse of a parent in determining child support obligations to the fair market value of the parent's lodging unless that income or contribution allows the parent to remain unemployed or underemployed.

LD 722 An Act Excluding Certain Income and Higher Education Savings of Minors from Consideration under the Child Support Guidelines

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
PENDLETON

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have excluded up to \$3,000 gross annual earnings of a child and any money saved in a college education fund for that child from consideration in determining whether to deviate from child support guidelines.

LD 723 An Act to Increase the Penalty for the Writing of Certain Bad Checks

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
KUTASI

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have expanded the theft crimes to include intentionally or knowingly writing a check on an account the writer knows is closed.