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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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**LD 828**

**An Act to Ensure Integrity in Maine Government by Prohibiting Involvement of Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor in Political Action Committees**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MARSH  
BUTLAND  
CASHMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-242

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General, the State Auditor, or any candidate for those offices, from forming political action committees, or PACs, and from being involved in decision making for a PAC or soliciting contributions to a PAC.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-242) would have increased the scope of the bill by prohibiting the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General, the State Auditor or any candidate for those offices from collecting contributions for a candidate for the Senate or the House of Representatives from individuals. The amendment also would have prohibited these state officials or candidates for these offices from transferring contributions from individuals for a candidate for the Senate or the House of Representatives to that candidate and would have added a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-476) would have replaced Committee Amendment "A" and would have prohibited the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General, the State Auditor or any candidate for those offices from contributing to a candidate for the Senate or House of Representatives, either directly or through a political action committee.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-267) would have accomplished the same purposes as set forth in House Amendment "A", but also would have added commissioners and other policy-influencing state officials to the list of those affected by the prohibition.

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-285) would have limited the prohibition on political activity to constitutional officers and the State Auditor to activities directed at the election of State Legislators. The amendment would not have restricted personal contributions for those candidates nor would it have prohibited activity involving other political offices.

**LD 846**

**An Act Simplifying Dealer Sale of Firearms**

**PUBLIC 185**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MICHAUD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-249

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the requirement that dealers of firearms record sales of firearms.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-249) replaces the original bill. The amendment requires firearms dealers to make, mark and keep a separate copy of the federal form that dealers must keep pursuant to 18 United State Code, Section 923. The federal form is similar to the form that Maine dealers are currently required to keep, so copying the form lessens paperwork for dealers, satisfies the standard for recordkeeping and makes the information easily accessible to Maine law enforcement officials.