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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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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Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-370) replaces the appropriation section with an allocation section.

**LD 958      An Act Preventing Trial Judges from Hearing Motions for a      ONTP**  
**New Trial**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
HOLT                                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have provided that a motion for a new trial may not be heard by the judge or justice that presided at trial or imposed sentence.

**LD 966      An Act to Allow for the Joint Filing for Divorce      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
FARNSWORTH                              ONTP

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have allowed a couple to file a joint divorce complaint. It eliminates the need to file a summons and an answer to the complaint. It would have speeded up the hearing process for a divorce.

**LD 983      An Act to Exempt Owners of Shooting Ranges from any Civil      CARRIED OVER**  
**or Criminal Action Relating to Noise Pollution**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MARSH

**SUMMARY**

The bill holds owners of shooting ranges exempt and immune from civil and criminal prosecution for matters relating to noise or noise pollution at the shooting range, as long as the shooting range operates in compliance with noise control laws or ordinances in effect when the shooting range was constructed.

**LD 988      An Act to Prohibit Persons from Allowing Youths to Use      ONTP**  
**Illegal Drugs**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
SWAZEY                                      ONTP  
ESTY

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have made it a Class E crime for a person to provide a place for a minor to use scheduled drugs or imitation scheduled drugs.