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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Bill carried over to Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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.