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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:

<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 971 **An Act Concerning Identification Methods for Voter Registration** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have required any person registering to vote less than 6 weeks before an election to present to the registrar a social security card as identification.

LD 995 **An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning the Sale of Alcohol** PUBLIC 254
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MARTIN H OTP-AM H-256
PARADIS J

SUMMARY

Under current law, a retail licensee can not employ a person as a retail employee if the person in the past 5 years has been convicted of violating the laws prohibiting the illegal sale of liquor or allowing the consumption of liquor by certain persons. This bill changes the waiting period for such employment from 5 years to 2 years.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-256) clarifies that a person convicted of a first offense of violating the laws prohibiting the illegal sale of liquor or allowing the consumption of liquor by certain persons must wait 2 years before that person may be employed as a retail employee. A person convicted of a 2nd offense of violating the laws prohibiting the illegal sale of liquor or allowing the consumption of liquor by certain persons must wait 5 years before that person may be employed as a retail employee.

LD 996 **An Act to Eliminate Seasonal Liquor Stores** CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
STEVENS A

SUMMARY

This bill would eliminate seasonal state and agency liquor stores. Transition provisions would allow seasonal liquor stores existing in 1992 or 1993 to convert to year-round operation.

LD 1001 **An Act to Enhance the Revenue of Agricultural Fairs and Commercial Racetracks** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized the State Harness Racing Commission to regulate coin-operated electronic video credit machines that award credits redeemable for cash. Machines would have been placed in establishments at pari-mutuel tracks and would have accepted coins or bills, with a maximum play of \$2 per game. Maximum payoff would have been \$1,000. Machines would have been required to pay out in

credits at least 80% of the total amount played and approved games would have included poker, keno and blackjack.

Machines would have been linked by telephone line to a central computer of the State Harness Racing Commission for reporting revenue, other data and malfunctions.

The Treasurer of State would have received a share of the net income from the machines after payout of prizes. The State's share would have begun at 15% and increased to 20%. Twenty-five percent of the state money would have been used to increase the funds available for municipal revenue sharing.

Manufacturers and operators of the machines would have been required to be licensed by the State Harness Racing Commission. Applicants for licenses would have been subject to background investigations.

LD 1013 An Act to Permit any Licensed Private Investigator or ONTP
Bonded Security Agency to Serve Civil Process

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized a licensed private investigator or a bonded security agency to serve and execute civil processes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-268), part of the minority committee report, would have added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1045 An Act to Amend the State Reporting Requirements for PUBLIC 228
State Party Committees

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BOWERS	OTP-AM	H-359
HANDY		

SUMMARY

This bill makes the state threshold for reporting itemized contributions for state party committees consistent with federal requirements.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-359) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1066 An Act Concerning Recounts of State Election Results ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SUMMERS	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that a candidate must submit evidence of tampering or irregularity to obtain a recount in an election in which the margin of victory is more than 75 votes in an election for the House of Representatives or a municipal election or 300 votes in an election to the Senate or a county or statewide election.