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BILL SUMMARIES
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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:

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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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 Bonded Security Agency to Serve Civil Process ONTP

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 State Party Committees PUBLIC 228

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.