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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:

<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 1072 An Act to Reform Campaign Practices

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DUTREMBLE D
ESTY
MARTIN J

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill, modeled after New Hampshire legislation, would have made the following changes in the State's campaign finance laws:

1. Added to the duties of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices the duty to monitor federal and campaign finance laws of the State and market trends that might require changes and to include these issues in its annual report;
2. Provided a definition of "independent expenditure";
3. Given candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives the option of limiting personal and total expenditures on their campaigns to statutory limits in return for a simpler reporting system of expenditures and higher limits on contributions by individuals and political action committees; and
4. Set a fine on candidates who agreed to cap spending of 100% of the amount their expenditures exceeded the statutory limits.

LD 1077 Resolve, Authorizing the State to Pay Elizabeth Penney an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MELENDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve would have directed the State to pay an amount not to exceed \$2,000 to Elizabeth Penney as compensation of medical expenses and lost wages as a result of an accident at Fort Knox.

LD 1078 An Act Amending the Liquor License Laws

PUBLIC 260

SPONSOR(S)
JOSEPH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-306

SUMMARY

This bill adds licensed Class A lounges to the list of establishments that may apply for additional licenses to conduct off-premises catering of liquor at planned events or gatherings.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-306) adds a fiscal note to the bill.