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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
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We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 230**An Act Relating to the Registration Requirements of the Military Selective Service Act****DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 230 proposed to prevent persons who failed to comply with the Military Selective Service Act of the United States from attending state-supported institutions of postsecondary or higher education, receiving student loans and being employed by the State or its political subdivisions.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-67), which was not adopted, replaced the original bill and proposed to prevent persons who failed to comply with the Military Selective Service Act of the United States from continuing to attend, as matriculated students, any state-supported institutions of postsecondary or higher education, receive student loans or grants or be employed by the State beyond a six-month probationary period.

LD 243**Resolve, to Allow Zelma Rudge to Sue the State****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 243 proposed to authorize Zelma Rudge, as personal representative of the estate of Victor Lizzotte, to bring a civil action against the State for damages resulting from the alleged negligence of the Department of Human Services concerning the death of Victor Lizzotte.

LD 246**An Act to Clarify the Use of Campaign Funds****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT GAGNE	ONTP	

LD 246 proposed to prohibit the direct transfer of funds from federal campaign accounts to state campaign accounts.

LD 255**An Act to Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to Report Delinquent Filers** **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LOVETT	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 255 proposed to require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to issue a report each biennium to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans' affairs identifying filers of delinquent or problematic campaign reports.