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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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LD 2020

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to License an Agency Liquor Store in the City of Caribou

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEAL	OTP-AM MAJ	
KIEFFER	ONTP MIN	

LD 2020 proposed to direct the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to license an agency liquor store in the City of Caribou no later than 60 days after the effective date of this resolve.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-777) proposed to remove the 60-day requirement for licensing an agency liquor store in the City of Caribou.

LD 2032

An Act to Clarify Maine's Campaign Finance Laws

DIED IN CONCURRENCE

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

LD 2032 proposed to exempt a candidate for Governor from the limitations on contributions if an opponent or spouse of an opponent lends or contributes an aggregate of at least \$25,000 to the opponent's gubernatorial campaign.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-519) proposed to remove the provision in the bill that exempted an opponent of a candidate for Governor who lends or contributes \$25,000 to that candidate's campaign from all limitations on contributions. The amendment also proposed that the opponent may accept individual contributions not to exceed \$5,000. Under this proposal, the exception applies only to opponents who are not registered as participating candidates in the Maine Clean Election Act funding program. It also would have added a fiscal note.

LD 2133

Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to Simplify the Reporting Form for Candidates

ONTP

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

LD 2133 proposed to direct the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to revert to the format used in the reporting form for candidates in 1996, except that the addition of a check-off box to identify the nature of certain types of expenditures and revenues would have been permitted.