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Bill Summaries

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

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| <i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> | <i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i> |
| <i>CON RES XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i> |
| <i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> | <i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i> |
| <i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> | <i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i> |
| <i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> | <i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i> |
| <i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> | <i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i> |
| <i>EMERGENCY</i> | <i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i> |
| <i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> | <i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i> |
| <i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> | <i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i> |
| <i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> | <i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i> |
| <i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> | <i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i> |
| <i>INDEF PP</i> | <i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i> |
| <i>ONTP</i> | <i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i> |
| <i>OTP-ND</i> | <i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i> |
| <i>P&S XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i> |
| <i>PASSED</i> | <i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i> |
| <i>PUBLIC XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i> |
| <i>RESOLVE XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i> |
| <i>UNSIGNED</i> | <i>Bill held by Governor</i> |
| <i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i> |

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 353 allows a person conducting or assisting in the conduct of beano to assist a player by playing that player's cards while the player takes a restroom break.

This law does not apply to the conduct of high-stakes beano.

LD 1068 **Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Veterans' Services To Provide Assistance To Obtain Information Regarding Maine Members of the United States Armed Forces Presumed Lost or Deceased** **RESOLVE 43**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| JOY | OTP-AM | H-269 |

LD 1068 proposed to require the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to maintain and update a roster of all Maine members of the United States Armed Forces who are presumed lost or deceased during their service, regardless of whether the presumed loss or death occurred in operations during a recognized period of war or conflict.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-269) proposed to replace the bill with a resolve. The amendment proposed to require the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services to assist individuals in obtaining information regarding Maine members of the United States Armed Forces who are presumed lost or deceased during their active military service. The amendment proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 43 requires the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services to assist individuals in obtaining information regarding Maine members of the United States Armed Forces who are presumed lost or deceased during their active military service.

LD 1115 **An Act To Prohibit a Maine Clean Election Act Candidate from Running for More than One Office** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| SIMPSON PENDLETON | ONTP MAJ OTP MIN | |

LD 1115 proposed to prohibit a candidate from being certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate if that candidate is running for more than one office.