

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD  
303

RESOLVE, TO COMPENSATE DOROTHY GAMMON OF  
PORTLAND

LVWD

Sponsor: MANNING  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This resolve would direct the Governor to pay Dorothy Gammon \$300,000 as compensation for the damages she suffered as a result of being beaten and raped by a ward of the State. The assailant was an inmate of the State prison, transferred to the Cumberland County jail, and transferred again to the city police lockup in Portland because of prison and jail overcrowding. He was let out on his promise to return in an hour, but attacked Gammon, then fled the State. See also LD 1687.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE WORDING OF INITIATIVE LVWD  
324 AND PEOPLE'S VETO REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

Sponsor: PARADIS, E., Perkins, Look, Soucy  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would require the Secretary of State to word initiated referendum questions so that a "Yes" vote would maintain or establish a program or principle and a "No" vote would repeal or oppose a program or principle. See also LD 119, LD 289, and LD 347.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IN ND LD 1595  
328 MAINE

Sponsor: KANY, Dutremble, D., Martin, H., Hichborn  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1595 (Majority)  
ONTP (Minority)

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1595.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW TO ALLOW SECURITY PL 1987  
340 OFFICERS TO BE ON DUTY FOR DANCES AT WHICH c. 213  
MINORS ARE ADMITTED

Sponsor: JOSEPH, Kany, Estes, Cote  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-148 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Current law requires that a police officer must be on hand at public dances at which minors are admitted, other than dances held in schools or municipally-owned buildings. This bill allows a licensed private security guard to be present instead of a police officer.