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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 summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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:

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| 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 RESOLVE, TO COMPENSATE DOROTHY GAMMON OF LVWD
303 PORTLAND

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.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-148) clarifies that the presence of a licensed security guard is sufficient only if local regulations or ordinances permit it.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRAFTING OF BALLOT LVWD
347 QUESTIONS

Sponsor: GWADOSKY, Clark, N., Dutremble, D., Perkins
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would require that initiative and referendum ballot questions be drafted in such a way that a proponent of the measure would vote "Yes" and an opponent would vote "No". This bill would have deleted the requirement that the question to be voted on be on the petition before any signatures are collected. See also LD 119, LD 289, and LD 324.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ELECTION COORDINATOR FOR LVWD
373 ABSENTEE BALLOTING IN HOUSE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY

Sponsor: RACINE, Cahill, Perry, Willey
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would require that each housing facility for the elderly appoint an election coordinator to oversee all absentee voting in the facility. The coordinator would also serve as the witness on all absentee ballots cast there. See also LD 947.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRITERIA FOR STATE ONTP
387 LICENSED LIQUOR STORES

Sponsor: GREENLAW
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Current law prohibits the licensing of new agency liquor stores within 10 miles of an existing state liquor store or agency liquor store. This bill would allow the State Liquor Commission to license an additional agency liquor store regardless of the 10 mile restriction in municipalities of 5,000 or more population.