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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:

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 820 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE AD DAMNUM CLAUSE IN CASES INVOLVING UNLIQUIDATED DAMAGES CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: MARTIN, J. Paradis, P., Marsano, Priest
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: The bill states that the statute which prohibits the placing in a medical malpractice complaint of a dollar amount claimed does not apply to a demand for liquidated damages.

LD 827 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE PROFITS IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES LVWD

Sponsor: MARTIN, J. Paradis, P., Melendy, Thistle
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 827 proposed to expand the criminal forfeiture law by permitting forfeiture of property used in the commission of any crime, not just drug-related offenses.

LD 832 AN ACT PERTAINING TO CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTEERS CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: SMITH, Soucy, Michaud, Strout, D.
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: The bill seeks to provide immunity from civil liability to employees and volunteers of charitable or nonprofit organizations. The immunity applies when the volunteer or employee provides services in good faith and without charge and injury or death arises from the activities of the organization. The immunity does not apply if the death or injury results from gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of the organization.

LD 833 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FORCE IN PROPERTY OFFENSES LVWD

Sponsor: STEVENSON, Hichborn
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Much like current law, this bill sought to permit a person or his duly authorized agent acting on his behalf to use physical force upon another in an instance of unlawful taking of his property, criminal mischief, or a retaking of his property immediately following its taking. This justified use of physical force would have exempted the person from civil liability based on the use of force.