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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

Sponsor: BOUTILIER, Matthews, Z., Webster, C., Bickford
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-271 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 924 proposed that funds from the Bureau of State Employee Health (within the Department of Administration) Internal Fund account be provided to the Division of State Employee Assistance within the (Department of Administration) Program. In addition, the bill proposed by statute that executive branch employees, their families and retirees be covered by the Employee Assistance program. Judicial, VTI system, and Turnpike Authority employees and their families, and retirees could participate if this benefit could be collectively bargained for these people.

The Employee Assistance Program is an assessment and referral program for state employees, their families, and retirees of the executive branch. Employees whose performance is affected by behavioral or medical disorders, including alcoholism, drug use, financial problems, marital stress, legal problems, etc. may be referred to the Division of Employee Assistance.

The Division, consisting of 1 director and 4 assessment and referral specialists, interview employees (their families and retirees) to determine the type and sources of assistance the employees require. The specialists then refer the employees to these sources of assistance.

Sponsor: MATTHEWS, Tuttle, Boutilier, Anthony
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 955 proposed to transform the Division of Employee Assistance within the Department of Administration into the Bureau of Employee Assistance within the same department. The Director of the Bureau of Employee Assistance would be a classified employee subject to removal only for cause.

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LD AN ACT TO ALLOW INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF ND LD 1796
1040 STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

Sponsor: TUTTLE, Rotondi, Bustin, Bickford
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1796

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1796.

LD RESOLVE, TO PUBLICIZE THE STATE POLICE RESOLVE 1987
1057 TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR EMERGENCIES TO OUTDOOR c. 22
RECREATIONS

Sponsor: MITCHELL, Mitchell, Priest, Rydell
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: LD 1057 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation to publicize the State Police toll-free emergency number to outdoor recreationists with the intent being to make recreationists aware of the number for recreational emergencies.

LD AN ACT REQUIRING FUNDING OF STATE-MANDATED CARRY-OVER
1078 PROGRAMS

Sponsor: SMITH, Dexter, Thistle
Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: LD 1078, which has been held over with LD 1149, and LD 498, proposed that each agency of State Government reimburse municipalities on an annual basis for not less than 75% of the revenues lost by each municipality as a result of state mandated programs implemented in the previous fiscal year.

The intent of the bill is to reduce the increasing burden on property taxes as a means of financing municipal services and responsibilities.