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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 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES ONTP
971 OF PERSONS OPERATING AFTER LICENSE SUSPENSION
WHO ARE OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Sponsor: HILLOCK
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill would provide for the forfeiture of a motor vehicle in certain limited circumstances. If a person is operating while his or her license is suspended for OUI or for refusing to submit to a blood-alcohol test, and is stopped for OUI, the vehicle will be forfeited. If the vehicle is owned by another person, it will be forfeited if the owner permitted the operator to operate the vehicle, and knew the license was under suspension. If the operator's name was published as required, stating that the license is under suspension, there is a rebuttable presumption that the owner knew the operator's license was under suspension.

LD AN ACT TO CREATE MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS FOR ND LD 1686
972 FIREFIGHTERS

Sponsor: RUHLIN, Bustin, Hale, Greenlaw
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1686

SUMMARY See New Draft, LD 1686.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE ROLL BARS ON POLICE VEHICLES LVWD
995

Sponsor: BUSTIN
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would require all vehicles owned by a municipality, county or the State and used by law enforcement officers in the course of their duties to be equipped with roll bars.

LD AN ACT TO PREVENT THE USE OF UNDERCOVER POLICE LVWD
1017 AGENTS AND TO REGULATE THE USE OF UNDERCOVER
POLICE AGENTS IN LABOR RELATIONS MATTERS

Sponsor: REEVES, Usher
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill was to prohibit law enforcement officers who are working undercover from receiving pay for their "cover" jobs. Undercover agents would also be prohibited from providing any information regarding any person to an employer, employer association or labor organization, unless that information establishes

a violation of criminal law. This bill would also prohibit employers, employer organizations and labor organizations from paying undercover agents, or receiving or soliciting information from such agents unless the information establishes violation of a criminal law.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF THE VALUE ND LD 1677
1026 OF POLITICAL ADVERTISING WHEN FAIRNESS LEADS
TO THE GIVING OF EQUAL TIME

Sponsor: HANDY, Kany, Perry, Murphy, E.
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT LD 1677

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1677.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION LAWS REGARDING PL 1987
1036 PERSONS INCARCERATED IN CORRECTIONAL c. 93
FACILITIES

Sponsor: HILLOCK, Mayo, Armstrong, Dillenback
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 258
Amendments Adopted:
H-63 CONNOLLY

SUMMARY: The original bill would prevent incarcerated persons from registering as residents of the municipality in which the penal institution is located for the purposes of voting. The incarcerated person may vote absentee in the municipality in which that person was a resident prior to incarceration.

The New Draft keeps the substance of the original bill. "Penal institution" is changed to "correctional facility" and the title is corrected to more accurately reflect the substance of the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-63) allows a person who is incarcerated in a correctional facility to register to vote in a municipality where that person previously resided and intends to return.