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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 1018 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STAGGERED REGISTRATION OF ONTP
SNOWMOBILES AND ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES.

Sponsor: INGRAHAM
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill sought to establish a staggered system of registration for snowmobiles and ATVs based on an owner's birthday. There were no proponents for the bill. Opponents stated that there was no advantage to staggered registration for snowmobiles; that because of the various transfers of snowmobile fees, prorating all those figures would be cumbersome; and that most people wait until there is snow before they register their snowmobiles. There also are two new changes that will take effect this year, an increase in fees and local registration, and it was felt that another change would only increase confusion.

LD 1048 AN ACT TO PROTECT LANDOWNERS FROM DAMAGE OR PL 1987
DESTRUCTION OF TREES BY HUNTERS MAINTAINING c. 161
LADDERS OR OBSERVATION STANDS.

Sponsor: JACQUES
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill strengthens controls over tree stands by prohibiting the insertion of metal or ceramic objects to be used as a ladder or support for the stands. The bill also requires landowner consent for erecting a stand and removal within 10 days of the close of hunting season. These provisions were included to foster better landowner relations and to avoid future problems processing timber with metal or ceramic inserts.

LD 1050 AN ACT TO AMEND THE HUNTING LAWS CONCERNING PL 1987
VINALHAVEN. c. 144

Sponsor: SCARPINO
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill removes the prohibition against using a firearm other than a shotgun on Vinalhaven Island. The island currently supports a sizeable deer population and there was no biological reason to restrict rifle-hunting. These restrictions are usually made for safety reasons.