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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 1118 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF PROPERTY TAXES ON PERSONS WHO ARE ELDERLY AND TO COUNT THE YEARS 1983, 1984, AND 1985 WHEN THE INCOME ALLOWANCE WAS NOT INCREASED WITH THE INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY LVWD

Sponsor: FARNUM
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill increases income eligibility levels for the Elderly Tax and Rent Refund Program to \$7,600 for individuals and \$8,800 for households with 2 more members.

See LD 721.

LD 1129 AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR HOMESTEAD PROPERTY LVWD

Sponsor: SOUCY, Mills, Mayo
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Provides an exemption equal to 10% of the just value of property which is the primary residence of the taxpayer and has been owned by the taxpayer for at least 15 years.

LD 1134 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON INCREASES IN THE LOCAL PROPERTY TAX LVWD

Sponsor: JACKSON, Zirkilton, Hanley
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Proposes a constitutional amendment to limit any increases in either the valuation of property or the local property tax rate. The limit would be the lower of the increase in the federal Consumer Price Index or the increase in real personal ways in the State. The proposal contains an emergency provision for exceeding allowable limits when approved by 3/5 majority of the legislative body of the municipality.

LD 1165 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION TO YOUTH SCOUTING ORGANIZATIONS ONTP

Sponsor: HIGGINS, Zirkilton, Strout, B., Twitchell
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Provides a sales tax exemption to youth organizations such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.