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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 PRIZES AWARDED BY CHARITABLE PL 1987  
1598 ORGANIZATIONS c. 190

Sponsor: MANNING, Dutremble, D., Dillenback, Holloway  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 896

SUMMARY: The original bill would raise the limit for the value of raffle prizes from \$6,500 to \$25,000.

The New Draft raises the \$6,500 limit to \$10,000. No license is required for a nonprofit group to hold such a raffle. A new license for nonprofit organizations allows them to raffle prizes worth up to \$25,000 once a year.

(Under current law, no license is required for raffles. Because no license applies, the price limit of 50¢ for chances also does not apply. The new license for the \$25,000 prize, however, means the 50¢ price limit applies to raffle tickets sold under the license. See Committee Amendment "A" to LD 1717 for exemption from the price limit on chances.)

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SAFETY DEVICES IN PL 1987  
1605 PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS c. 194

Sponsor: TWITCHELL  
Committee Report: New Draft/New Title of LD 696

SUMMARY: The original bill would prohibit any person from refusing to let a person with a physical disability or condition use a life jacket or other safety device which is necessitated by the condition or disability.

The New Draft applies only to public swimming pools. The definition of "public" tracks the Human Rights Act language.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING "BEANO" OR "BINGO" ON INDIAN PL 1987  
1642 RESERVATIONS c. 197

Sponsor: RACINE, Murphy, E., Greenlaw, Pouliot  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 83

SUMMARY: The original bill would create an exemption from the beano prize limitations for the Penobscot Indian Nation. The law currently limits beano prizes to no more than \$400 per game, and no more than \$1,400 total per occasion or event. The original bill would set the license fee at 5% of the gross proceeds of the Penobscots' beano games.