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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 TO HOLD EMPLOYEES OF LICENSEES CIVILLY PL 1987
1669 LIABLE FOR KNOWINGLY SELLING LIQUOR TO MINORS c. 254

Sponsor: RACINE, KANY
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1351
Amendments Adopted:
S-96 KANY.

SUMMARY: Current law makes it a Class E crime for any person, other than a licensee or a licensee's employee, to sell or serve liquor to a minor. The original bill would remove the employees from the exemption, thus making them criminally liable.

The New Draft creates a a new section holding any agent of a licensee civilly liable for selling liquor to a minor. The penalty is a civil forfeiture of up to \$500.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-96) corrected the title.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF POLITICAL PL 1987
1677 ADVERTISING PROVIDED UNDER THE "FAIRNESS c. 280
DOCTRINE"

Sponsor: HANDY, Kany, Perry, Murphy, E.
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1026

SUMMARY: The original bill would require the disclosure of the date, time, type and duration of any radio or television air time given to a candidate, party committee or political action committee when fairness leads to the giving of equal time under the "Fairness Doctrine." The value would not be required. This is based on a misunderstanding of federal law concerning the "Fairness Doctrine."

The New Draft excludes from the application of the political action committee subchapter any broadcast time provided by a radio or television station under the requirements of the Federal Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §315. This reverses a recent ruling of the Commission on Government Ethics and Election Practices.