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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

LD 251 **An Act Concerning Liquor Licenses for Small Stores** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HASTINGS TWITCHELL PLOURDE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

LD 251 would have created a liquor license allowing small grocery stores to sell beer for off-premises consumption and for consumption on the premises along with the consumption of pizza, or other prepared food that the grocery store sells. The bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

LD 1048 **An Act Authorizing Presidential Primary Elections in the State** ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDSON KONTOS GEAN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

The bill would have required the State to hold a presidential primary for selection of delegates to national nominating conventions. The primary would have been held on the same day as the New Hampshire primary, to facilitate a New England Regional primary.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-881), the minority committee report, would have changed the name of the primary from a presidential primary to a presidential preference primary, permitted persons who are nationally recognized as presidential candidates to be placed on the ballot, and permitted state committees of political parties to choose to call caucuses to select delegates to a national convention instead of having the candidates name the delegates. The amendment also would have made the Act effective for the 1996 election, and would have required the Secretary of State to report to the Legislature if the national convention refused to seat Maine delegates as a result of a defect in Maine's method of selecting delegates.

LD 1175 **An Act to Allow State Employees to Donate Funds to a Political Cause Through a Payroll Deduction Program** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAYO STROUT BUSTIN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have provided that state employees are able to donate funds to a political cause through a payroll deduction program.