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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

LD 1405

**An Act to Provide Confidentiality for the Records of
Individuals Who Receive Funds from a Community Development
Program Created Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 30-A, Chapter 205**

PUBLIC 322

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLEVELAND EMERSON	OTP-AM	S-157

SUMMARY

This bill permitted records of individuals who receive assistance from a community development program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 205 remain confidential.

Committee Amendment "A" added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1426

**An Act to Expand the Conflict of Interest Laws for
Employees of the Maine State Housing Authority**

PUBLIC 476

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OLIVER GEAN KILKELLY ADAMS	OTP-AM	H-466

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to repeal and replace the statutory provision requiring commissioners and employees of the Maine State Housing Authority to abstain from voting on issues that pose a conflict of interest.

Committee Amendment "A" replaced the bill, and added additional restrictive language to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4724, subsection 2, which prohibited employees from voluntarily obtaining interest in any project that would place them in conflict of interest during their tenure as employees of the authority.

LD 1441

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Ensure State Recognition of the Rights of Victims
of Crime**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDS HOLLOWAY		

SUMMARY

This resolution mandated that a victim of a crime was to be afforded certain rights and that those rights are as important as the rights of a person accused or convicted of the crime perpetrated on that victim. This bill was carried over to the next session.