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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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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registered funds. Finally, the bill would have allowed a municipality to have any payments to it from the State deposited directly in its account in the pool.

Committee amendment A removed sections 4, 5 and 6 of the bill because the language in those sections had already been enacted into law.

LD 1441 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Ensure State Recognition of the Rights of Victims
of Crime** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARDS HOLLOWAY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolution would have clarified that a victim of a crime is 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.

LD 1799 **An Act to Clarify Relevant Information in Administrative
Rule-making Procedures** PUBLIC 632

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARROLL D HOGLUND	OTP-AM	H-873

SUMMARY

The bill would have required agencies to solicit and respond to public comment on the economic and fiscal impact of proposed rules, by modifying the economic impact analysis portion of the rule-making provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. It also would have clarified that the economic as well as fiscal impact of proposed rules must be analyzed.

Committee amendment A (H-873) replaced the bill. The amendment specified that economic, environmental, fiscal and social impact analyses were included in the definition of "all relevant information" that an agency must consider under the rule-making provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

LD 1845 **An Act to Require the Use of People First Language in the
Maine Revised Statutes and to Authorize Administrative
Implementation of Associated Changes in Terminology** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RYDELL BRANNIGAN AULT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended numerous terms in statute which relate to people who are incapacitated or who have disabilities to use people first terminology. The bill would have also established a mechanism to incorporate the changed terms into existing law and to disseminate them to users of the laws.