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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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LD 515 **An Act to Amend the State Election Laws** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
WENTWORTH ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have made a change in the definition of campaign "expenditure" to clarify what factors must be considered in determining whether a publication should be excluded. The factors were based on those used by federal courts to interpret federal law similar to Maine's.

LD 516 **An Act to Establish a Voluntary Campaign Spending Law** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MICHAEL ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have established limits on campaign spending and would have allowed candidates to voluntarily limit the amount of money they spend on campaigns.

LD 529 **An Act to Improve Zoning Authority over the Retail Sale of Liquor** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
O'GARA ONTP
CLEVELAND

SUMMARY

Currently, municipal or county officers may deny an application for a license to sell liquor based on noncompliance of the licensed premises with local zoning or land use ordinances if those ordinances are not directly related to liquor control. This bill would have amended the law to remove that limitation.

LD 561 **An Act to Clarify the Laws Concerning Beano and Bingo** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
BALDACCI ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the beano laws in the following ways.

1. The bill would have changed the definition of winner-take-all round and would have set out the distribution of proceeds to the State, the licensee and the participants.
2. The bill would have defined "unlimited paper game."
3. The bill would have amended the law regarding high-stakes beano to include Fridays as part of weekends.
4. The bill would have authorized 4 rounds of winner-take-all beano per occasion rather than one round.