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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH 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.

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:

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 Second Session*
ONTP	*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*
ENACTMENT FAILED	*Bill failed to get majority vote*
INDEF PP	*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	*Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree*
VETO SUSTAINED	*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*
UNSIGNED	*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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 1426 An Act Limiting Fees Charged to Serve Court Documents — ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
STEVENS K	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have limited the fee charged for service of more than one document by a sheriff or deputy.

LD 1432 An Act to Allow Political Parties to Determine the Method of Nominating Candidates — DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAEL	OTP-AM	H-585

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed a political party to choose the method of nominating candidates for an election for federal, state or county offices. The party would have had to notify the Secretary of State within 6 weeks of the nominating event of the choice for the event. This bill also would have changed the time frame for a political party to choose who may participate in their nominating event.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-585) would have clarified how and when minor parties may choose their method of nominating candidates. The amendment would have given minor parties the opportunity to nominate by caucus or convention, as well as by primary.

LD 1433 An Act to Provide for Public Finance in State Elections — ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J MARSH	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have established the Election Campaign Fund as a system of public financing of election campaigns for candidates running for the office of Governor or for the State Senate or the State House of Representatives.

The bill also would have prohibited political action committees.

LD 1450 An Act Concerning the Operation of Aircraft under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs — LD 467

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J	OTP-AM	H-400 S-222 VOSE

SUMMARY

This bill expands on the law concerning the operation of aircraft under the influence by making the offense more consistent with laws governing hunting or operating snowmobiles, motor vehicles, ATV's or watercraft under the influence or with an excessive blood-alcohol level. The bill imposes a duty to submit to a chemical test on operators of aircraft and provides other testing and procedural elements that exist in the other operating-under-the-influence and chemical testing laws.