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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

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, 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

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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records available to the public and to keep lists of employees and make them available to certain public agencies, auditors and employee organizations.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-865) replaced the original bill but retained the bill's intent to limit the use of public funds to influence employees regarding unionization. The amendment extended the coverage of the bill to employee organizations seeking to unionize employees of covered employers and removed all governmental entities from the application of the bill. The amendment provided an exception to the disclosure requirement of records that would fall within an exception to the freedom of access laws and removed the requirement that a list of employees be provided upon demand. The amendment removed the provision prohibiting discrimination and streamlined the enforcement procedures. The amendment also removed the administrative penalty section and added a fiscal note.

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-575) removes from the committee amendment the provision that makes the records relating to a program or a position funded with state funds fully accessible as public records. It replaces the subsection describing the enforcement procedures and provides that the records must be made available to the investigating department.

LD 1772 **An Act to Attain Minimum Occupational Safety and Health Standards in Buildings and on Properties Owned or Leased by the State** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANDY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required all departments and agencies in buildings and on property owned or leased by the State to develop and submit to the Bureau of General Services by January 1st of each year a list of occupational safety and health hazards and building security deficiencies, with a recommended program of correction.

LD 1833 **An Act to Reinstitute Stipends** PUBLIC 705

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MORRISON	OTP-AM A	H-892
BALDACCI	OTP-AM B	
	ONTP C	

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources to approve payment of recruitment and retention adjustments for certain occupations in State Government in connection with the state mental health institutions. The provision is similar to the former Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7065, subsections 2-A, 2-B and 2-C.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-892) removes the limitation in the original bill that restricted the use of recruitment and retention adjustments to occupations in the state mental health institutions and adds a fiscal note.