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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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**LD 29**      **An Act to Allow Condominium Associations to Collect Common Expense Assessments in Advance**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
VIGUE CAREY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have permitted condominium associations to collect common expense assessments in advance. The purpose of the advance collection would have been to pay for delinquent common expense assessments. The bill was voted ONTP because these types of collections are currently permitted in Maine statute.

**LD 32**      **An Act Regarding the Prohibition against Restaurants with Lounges Serving Meals to Unaccompanied Minors after 9 P.M.**      **PUBLIC 25  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WATERHOUSE	OTP-AM	H-44

**SUMMARY**

This bill repealed the part of the Class A restaurant/lounge liquor license (passed in 1993) that prohibited minors from being on the premises after 9 p.m.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-44) added an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill. The emergency clause made the bill effective upon approval.

**LD 39**      **An Act to Require an Endorser's Authorization for a Candidate To Use an Endorsement**      **PUBLIC 43**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LIBBY JD	OTP-AM	H-54

**SUMMARY**

This bill defined "endorsement" and required a candidate who decided to publicly communicate an endorsement to first obtain authorization from the endorser. Any communication of the endorsement was required to be accompanied by the authorization. A forfeiture for not obtaining the authorization and a process for enforcing it were established.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-54) moved the preliminary enforcement responsibilities from the Office of the Secretary of State to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, and added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 51**      **An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Renewal of Liquor Licenses by Restaurants**      **PUBLIC 10**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
STEVENS A	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill permitted an applicant for the renewal of a liquor license to request a waiver of the hearing when the applicant had held a liquor license for the prior 5 years and no complaints had been filed against the applicant within that time.