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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:

<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</b>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>FAILED ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<b>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<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 62**      **An Act to Prohibit Voter Registration on Election Day**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have eliminated voter registration on election day and would have required that the registrar not register voters during the week before election day.

**LD 63**      **An Act to Require Closure of the Discount Liquor Store in Kittery If a Discount Liquor Store Opens in Saco**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the closure of the state discount liquor store in Kittery if a discount liquor store were opened in Saco.

**LD 73**      **An Act to Ensure Integrity in Maine Government by Prohibiting Involvement of Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor in Political Action Committees**      PUBLIC 167

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HANLEY	OTP-AM      MAJ ONTP      MIN	S-100

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibited the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General, the State Auditor, and any candidate for those offices, from forming political action committees and prohibited them from being involved in the decision making or soliciting contributions for a PAC.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-100) replaced the word "candidate" with the words "any individual" because the definition of "candidate" in Title 21-A did not include constitutional officers. It also added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 74**      **An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws by Limiting Contributions by Political Action Committees and Allowing Candidates to Voluntarily Limit Campaign Expenditures**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established limits on campaign spending and would have permitted candidates to voluntarily limit the amount of money they spend on a campaign. The bill would have also limited contributions made by political action committees to \$100 per election per candidate.