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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 329**      **An Act to Extend the Hours for Sunday Sales of Liquor in Limited Circumstances**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have expanded the Sunday liquor sales laws to allow Class A restaurants and Class A restaurant/lounges to serve liquor beginning at 9 a.m. when the liquor accompanies a meal. See LD 341, An Act to Allow Restaurants to Sell Liquor on Sunday Mornings, and LD 234, An Act to Clarify the Liquor Licensing Laws for Certain Establishments.

**LD 336**      **An Act to Change the Date for Voter Registration**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established a deadline for registering to vote of 5 p.m. the Friday before a Tuesday election or, if that Friday were a holiday, 5 p.m. the next business day.

**LD 338**      **An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Return of Security Deposits and Nonpayment of Rent or Utility Charges**      PUBLIC 52

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
HANLEY                                      OTP-AM                                      S-43

**SUMMARY**

This bill clarified that the landlord may retain security deposits under certain circumstances and is still bound by all the provisions of the law regarding security deposits.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-43) made the language in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 6034 consistent by eliminating all references to "willfully" retaining a security deposit.

**LD 341**      **An Act to Allow Restaurants to Sell Liquor on Sunday Mornings**      PUBLIC 46

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
VIGUE                                      OTP-AM                                      H-45

**SUMMARY**

This bill amended the Sunday sales laws to allow Class A restaurants and Class A restaurant/lounges to serve liquor beginning at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-45) added a fiscal note to the bill.