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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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taken after an accident to correct a condition that may have contributed to the accident. The purpose of this bill is to promote public safety by allowing the correction of unsafe conditions without prejudice to a person's legal situation. The Supreme Judicial Court is considering a change to the Maine Rules of Evidence that would have the same effect as this bill.

**LD 352**      **An Act to Authorize the Broadcasting of Information about Persons Who Are Delinquent with Child Support Payments**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

Current law allows the Department of Human Services to publish the names, residences of and the amount of child support owed by delinquent child support obligors. This bill would have authorized the department to provide the same information to radio and television stations, including cable operators, for the broadcast of the information as a public service.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-77) would have added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 366**      **An Act to Amend the Provisions Relating to Access to Information for Candidates for Government Job Openings**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed public access to the information regarding applicants for government jobs who are granted interviews.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-209) would have narrowed the scope of the bill to make public records the applications and resumes of candidates for specific positions at the State, county and municipal level, including school superintendents and assistant superintendents, once they have participated in a personal interview. The provisions would have been repealed October 1, 1998. The Judiciary Committee would have had the authority to report out a bill during the 1998 Legislative Session concerning these provisions.

**LD 377**      **An Act to Extend to Businesses the Laws Concerning Protection from Harassment**      PUBLIC 265

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
VIGUE	OTP-AM	H-328

**SUMMARY**

This bill extends the laws concerning protection from harassment to include businesses.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-328) revises the definition of "harassment" to ensure that activities protected by labor relations laws are not considered acts of harassment. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.