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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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-101) reduced from 6 to 3 the number of consecutive days a public hearing on the applicant's request to operate a bottle club must be advertised. It also removed the section of the bill that would have eliminated local authority over bottle club applications. The result was that municipal authority over bottle club applications was retained.

The committee amendment failed to correct some erroneous references in the original bill to the Liquor and Lottery Commission. Those reference errors were corrected in the errors bill, LD 648, PL 95, c. 462 (Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary).

LD 755 An Act to Add the Prohibition of False Official Statements PUBLIC 214
to the Maine Code of Military Justice

SPONSOR(S) VIGUE	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill was modeled on language in the United States Uniform Code of Military Justice and enacted in the Maine Code of Military Justice a prohibition against a person in the military knowingly making false official statements.

LD 764 Resolve, Authorizing Norman Davis to Sue the State for ONTP
Wrongful Suspension of a Driver's License

SPONSOR(S) RICE	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized Norman Davis to sue the State for the damages that he allegedly suffered in connection with the suspension of his driver's license.

LD 786 An Act to Prohibit Campaign Signs on Public Property ONTP

SPONSOR(S) ABROMSON	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

Currently it is a Class E crime to display political signs on state-owned or state-leased property with the exceptions of highway property and property used by a political party. This bill would have extended that prohibition to highways and to property owned or leased by political subdivisions. It would have also repealed or amended related provisions regulating placement of signs on state-owned highway property.

The minority COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-128) added a fiscal note to the bill.