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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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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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years at the time of the gross sexual assault, the law enforcement agency for the municipality would have had to provide notification of the registration to persons residing in the community where the sex offender intended to reside. The issue of public notification of sex offenders released from jail has been carried over into the 2nd Regular Session. LD 1510, "An Act to Make Comprehensive Changes to Sex Offender Laws" will be used to incorporate all potential changes.

LD 982 **An Act to Clarify Juvenile Detention**

PUBLIC 155

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BEGLEY	OTP-AM	S-114 S-129 CARPENTER

SUMMARY

This bill provides that juveniles may be detained in a separate juvenile section of a county jail approved by the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention until such time as the Northern Maine Regional Juvenile Detention Facility becomes operational. The bill also removes a separate provision allowing Penobscot County Jail to house juveniles as the effect of this bill makes that authority unnecessary.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-114) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-129) to the bill was presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in Second Reading to correct a technical error. The amendment corrects an error where current law was shown without incorporating changes made by Public Law 1993, chapter 162, section 1.

LD 1006 **An Act to Amend the Law to Provide for the Notification
of Immediate Family Members of Homicide Victims**

PUBLIC 164

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PEAVEY	OTP-AM	H-222

SUMMARY

This bill defines certain family members of a victim of a homicide as "victims" who may be notified of the release of a sentenced person.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-222) replaces the bill and allows homicide victims' parents, children, siblings and spouses to be notified of a perpetrator's release from institutional confinement, including parole, furloughs, work-release programs, intensive supervision and supervised community confinement.

LD 1007 **An Act to Increase the Penalty for Violating the Laws
Governing Passing Another Vehicle**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAMREN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the penalty for improper passing of a motor vehicle from a traffic infraction to a Class D crime.