

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-308) added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 945      An Act to Allow Candidates to Donate Surplus Campaign Funds to Charitable and Educational Institutions      PUBLIC 193**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LONGLEY<br>GERRY  | OTP                     |                           |

**SUMMARY**

This bill allowed a candidate to donate surplus campaign funds to a charitable or educational organization.

**LD 976      An Act Regarding Liquor Licenses for Golf Courses      PUBLIC 195**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LAWRENCE          | OTP-AM                  | S-155                     |

**SUMMARY**

This bill provided for the issuance of auxiliary licenses for the sale of spirits, wine and malt liquor at golf clubs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-155) replaced the bill. It made auxiliary licenses for golf courses subject to the same provisions as auxiliary licenses for ski areas and added a fiscal note. It also required all auxiliary licensees to be properly equipped with restrooms.

**LD 980      An Act to Amend the Charter of the Somerset Woods Trustees to Eliminate the Cap on the Value of Holdings      P & S 24**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MILLS<br>HATCH    | OTP                     |                           |

**SUMMARY**

This bill amended the charter of the Somerset Woods Trustees to eliminate the cap on the value of holdings.

**LD 999      An Act to Allow for Substitution of a Presidential Candidate Nominated by Petition      ONTP**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PERKINS           | ONTP                    |                           |

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed for the substitution of a presidential candidate nominated by petition.