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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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LD 1004 **An Act to Prohibit Political Action Committee and Corporate Contributions in State and Federal Elections** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited corporations and political action committees from making contributions to candidates for state or federal office.

LD 1013 **An Act to Facilitate the Regulation of Alcohol in Auditoriums** PUBLIC 229

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
RICHARDSON OTP

SUMMARY

This bill allowed the sale and consumption of liquor in any audience seating area at an auditorium.

LD 1031 **An Act to Repeal the Residency Requirement for Admission into a Maine Veterans' Home** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the requirement that a veteran seeking admission to a Maine Veterans' Home must be a Maine resident.

LD 1043 **An Act to Allow Political Parties to Determine the Method of Nominating Candidates** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed a political party to choose the method of nominating candidates for an election for federal, state or county offices. The party would have been required to notify the Secretary of State within 6 weeks of the nominating event of the choice for the event. This bill would have also changed the time frame for a political party to choose who may participate in their nominating event.

LD 1049 **An Act to Amend the Law Concerning the Pricing of Discontinued and Test-market Liquor Items** PUBLIC 181

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
FERGUSON OTP-AM S-141

SUMMARY

This bill enabled the State Liquor Commission to expedite the delisting process and enhance the sales of discontinued liquor items at the expense of the liquor supplier.