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**STATE OF MAINE  
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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 1997**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

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| <i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....                             | <i>Bill carried over to Second Regular 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 IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....                      | <i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</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/FINAL PASSAGE</i> ..... | <i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>                                   |
| <i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</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>OTP ND</i> .....                                   | <i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>                             |
| <i>OTP ND/NT</i> .....                                | <i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</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 finally passed Resolve</i>                                     |
| <i>UNSIGNED</i> .....                                 | <i>Bill held by Governor</i>   |
| <i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....                           | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>                          |

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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**LD 362****An Act to Revise the Procurement of Products and Services from Rehabilitation Facilities and Work Centers****ONTP**

|                            |                                 |                           |
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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>BUMPS | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 362 proposed to allow expanded work opportunities for persons with disabilities by allowing businesses and other entities to qualify for work center status. It also would have provided a maximum cost percentage preference to minimize the impact on agency budgets when a work center was awarded a contract. When a work center bid exceeds a low bid by 15% or more, the contract would not have been awarded to the work center.

**LD 370****An Act to Establish a Commemorative Day Recognizing the Children of this State****PUBLIC 74**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>O'BRIEN<br>HARRIMAN | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP-AM MAJ<br>ONTP MIN | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>H-34 |
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LD 370 proposed to establish September 28th as Children's Day in the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-34)** proposed to change the date for the commemorative day for children from September 28th to the last Friday in September.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1997, chapter 74 designates the last Friday in September as Children's Day in the State.

**LD 379****An Act to Clarify the Reimbursement of Legislators' Expenses****PUBLIC 309**

|                              |                                   |                                    |
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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>BUTLAND | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP-AM | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>S-223 |
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LD 379 proposed to allow the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives to require receipts when an allowance is requested for meals or overnight accommodations immediately preceding a legislative session.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-223)** replaced the bill. It proposed to allow the presiding officers to establish reasonable policies regarding payment of meals and lodging allowances for the day immediately preceding session.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1997, Chapter 309 allows the Legislature's presiding officers to establish reasonable policies regarding payment of meals and lodging allowances for the day immediately preceding session.