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Bill Summaries

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. 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 considered by the committees. It is organized 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).

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:

CARRIED OVER.....	Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX.....	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....	One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY.....	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT.....	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP.....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs

LD 528

An Act to Amend the Beano and Games of Chance Laws

PUBLIC 342

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIZMAR MARTIN	OTP-AM	H-526

LD 528 proposed to amend the licensing laws for beano and games of chance as follows.

1. It proposed to clarify the Chief of the State Police's authority to appoint a designee to deal with beano and games of chance licensing matters.
2. It proposed to clarify that the grounds for refusal to issue a license and the grounds for suspension or revocation of a license are consistent with each other.
3. It also proposed to give the Chief of the State Police the authority to issue subpoenas for investigations and hearings pertaining to beano and games of chance.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-526) clarified that the State Police may not use a subpoena to initiate an investigation. It may only be used when there is reasonable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 342 specifies that the Chief of the State Police may appoint a designee to administer licensing matters regarding beano and games of chance. It also provides that the State Police may refuse to issue a beano or games of chance license if the applicant fails to meet the statutory requirements for licensure or violates the law pertaining to beano and games of chance. Finally, this law gives the Chief of the State Police the authority to issue subpoenas for investigations and hearings pertaining to beano and games of chance as long as the subpoena is not used to initiate the investigation.

LD 537

An Act to Require the State to Pay for Veterans' Obituaries and State Flags

DIED BETWEEN
BODIES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP KILKELLY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 537 proposed that the State provide for the cost of the obituary notices and state flags on behalf of deceased eligible veterans.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-317) proposed to change the original bill by requiring the State to pay the cost of obituaries that include a flag graphic on behalf of eligible veterans. It also proposed to clarify that this requirement apply only to obituaries printed in the State.