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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 1232 **An Act to Increase the Prize Limit for Games of Chance at Beano Games** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> POVICH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1232 proposed to exempt prizes from games of chance from the \$1,400 prize limit at beano or bingo games. It also proposed to permit licensees to conduct most games of chance within one hour of a beano or bingo game and would have directed the Department of Public Safety to create a standing advisory committee consisting of nonprofit organizations that conduct bingo or beano games or other games of chance to represent the interests of those organizations to the Department of Public Safety.

LD 1242 **An Act to Allow Telephone Wagering for Horse Racing** **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TESSIER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1242 proposed to allow a commercial track to accept wagers on races conducted at that track over the telephone, but only from individuals with prefunded accounts established at the track.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-504), which was not adopted, proposed to allow licensed off-track betting facilities and any facilities licensed to conduct simulcast racing to conduct telephone wagering on races. The amendment would have added a minimum deposit requirement and stated that accounts could be established only by residents of this State. The amendment also proposed to clarify that telephone account wagers could not be placed using a credit card.

LD 1249 **An Act Regarding Registration of Voters on Election Day** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LESSARD		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1249 proposed to provide a registrar of voters of a municipality the sole discretion to determine whether a person who seeks to register to vote on election day has shown satisfactory proof of identity and residency.