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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 organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number.

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:

- 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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice

LD 1265

An Act to Clarify the Criminal Extradition Laws

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE W	ONTP	

LD 1265, which was carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to amend the criminal extradition laws by requiring a judge to inform the person arrested of the person's right to waive extradition. The bill also proposed to require a judge or magistrate to conduct an examination of the person arrested at the time of the person's initial appearance in court.

LD 1330

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Examine the Maine Correctional Institute

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SKOGLUND MICHAUD MH	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1330, a resolve that was carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to establish the Commission to Examine the Maine Correctional Institute.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-832) was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and proposed to move the deadlines for the study forward one year and remove from the study commission the member representing Amnesty International. This amendment also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1492

An Act to Improve Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in Maine's Jails and Prisons

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POVICH PENDLETON	ONTP	

LD 1492, which was carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to require that all law enforcement and corrections officers receive training in mental illness and substance abuse issues and to require psychiatric evaluation of all inmates incarcerated in county jails and state correctional facilities. The bill proposed to establish standards for the care, treatment and transfer of inmates with a psychiatric disorder. The bill also proposed to require that all county jails and state correctional facilities be nationally accredited by January 1, 2005 and annually thereafter. For related bills, see LD 1099 from the First Regular Session and LDs 2065, 2068, 2075 and 2088 from this session.