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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1951	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	Diamond, G.	MAJ-OTP MIN-ONTP PL 1983, C. 677

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to ensure that only those individuals who have successfully completed a special school bus driver's examination be allowed to operate school buses. Under previous law, no such license is required in at least 2 instances: During the interim between application for the license and the result of the examination; and where an individual does not operate a school bus more than 10 days during a school year. The alterations made by this change in the law reflect the recommendations of the Bus Safety Conference held at Orono in August of 1983.

2153	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN ROADS IN BAXTER STATE PARK	Pray	OTP P&SL 1983, C. 94
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SUMMARY: LD 2153 proposed to increase from \$32,000 per year to \$60,000 per year the allocation of highway funds for the maintenance of roads, bridges, and culverts in Baxter State Park. The allocation has not been increased since 1969.

The Department of Transportation opposed the bill and argued that the amount of travel on Baxter State Park roads did not generate the revenues requested by the Authority.

The Committee on Audit and Program Review, in its evaluation of the Baxter State Park Authority was considering the proposal that the total cost of road and bridge maintenance be financed from the highway fund. As a result, the Transportation Committee accepted the \$60,000/yr allocation.

2271	AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES FOR LONG-TERM TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS		PL 1983, C. 694
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SUMMARY: LD 2271, a redraft of LD 2030, resolved the problem between the Motor Vehicle Division and the Maine Motor Transport Association. LD 2271 authorized the Maine resident agent or authorized representative of the non-resident owner, or the non-resident owner of the semi-trailer/trailer to sign the registration certificate. Thus, a non-resident owner of a semi-trailer or trailer may do business directly with the State of Maine and not register vehicles via an agent in Maine. Nevertheless, it is doubtful that non-resident owners of many trailers or semi-trailers will drop their agents who can provide excellent service.