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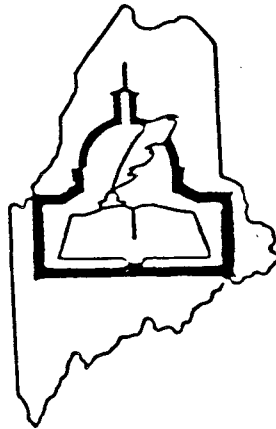
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

Section 2 of Part C was intended to make permanent the present provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36 which allow the inclusion of freight car operating leases of 10 years or more in the definition "operating investment" for railroad exercise tax purposes. These provisions already exist but were to expire in 1985.

Section 3 of Part C sought a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in both fiscal year 1986 and fiscal year 1987 to the Department of Transportation for the administration of the rail assistance program.

LD: 1637     AN ACT TO ADJUST BRIDGE CAPITAL AND  
             MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES  
             SHUTE  
             ERWIN E

THERIAULT  
MCPHERSON

OTP-AM             HOUSE   Enacted  
                     SENATE   Enacted  
                     GOV

H-413     CA                             H             S  
SUMMARY:

This Act completely restructures the State bridge construction and maintenance program by redefining concepts of ownership, realigning the responsibility for maintenance and specifying the terms for capital improvements. Essentially, the original bridge law and the statutes authorized the town way bridge problem are repealed and replaced to align ownership of bridges with ownership of the adjacent highway. Additional plans for funding capital improvements will follow in the special session.

LD: 1644     AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR COST SHARING FOR  
             MAINTENANCE OF RAILROAD GRADE AND HIGHWAY  
             BRIDGE CROSSINGS AND THE ALLOCATION AND  
             APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION

THERIAULT  
STROUT  
MELENDY  
VOSE

OTP-AM             HOUSE   Enacted  
                     SENATE   Enacted  
                     GOV SIGNED

CH # 442

H-418     CA                             H             S

SUMMARY:

This is one of 4 bills which was submitted for the purpose of implementing recommendations made by the Governor's Committee on Rail Policy.

This Act implements the committee's recommendation that the State assume up to 50% of the cost of maintaining highway-at-grade and highway-over-bridge crossings.

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