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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD 882 AN ACT TO AMEND THE TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT LAW. PL 1987
c. 199

Sponsor: POULIOT, Macomber, Salsbury, Cahill
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-139 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill makes two technical corrections to the truck size and overweight fine laws. The first makes it clear that the maximum length of a combination vehicle includes the load. The second clarifies that when there are infractions concerning both the gross and axle weights, the responsible person shall pay the larger fine and not the fine on the larger infraction.

The committee amendment (H-139) exempts smaller trucks from the size and weight limits until September 1, 1988.

LD 888 AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF EMERGENCY RELIEF VEHICLES. PL 1987
c. 185

Sponsor: CAHILL, Reeves, Gauvreau, Pines
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill permits authorized emergency vehicles, as designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety, based in another state to operate in or through this State during declared emergencies without obtaining fuel use licenses.

LD 890 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF SEAT BELTS IN DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS. PL 1987
c. 216

Sponsor: REEVES, Bost, Pines, Carroll
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill requires instructors and students to use seat belts during the behind-the-wheel instruction portion of the course. This shall apply to both commercial schools and to driver education in public schools.

LD 925 AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL BRIDGES. ND LD 1718

Sponsor: STROUT D, Nadeau GG, Callahan, Cahill
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1718

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1718.