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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1987

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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

Sponsor: RACINE, Scarpino, Clark, H. Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Increases the amount of the property tax exemption allowed to veterans by \$2,000.

See LD 1720.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR EXCISE TAXES AND LVWD 1092 FREIGHT RATES

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Handy, Bott, Perry Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> Repeals the existing preference in calculation of the liquor excise tax which benefits in-state manufacturers of liquor and replaces it with an equivalent but more workable mechanism. This is accompanied by a statement of state policy concerning preference for in-state manufacturers.

This policy states that the State Liquor Commission act as a market participant in the state liquor market and use public funds to influence purchasers in the State to buy Maine-produced alcoholic beverages. To accomplish this task, the commission is instructed, among other things, to adopt a markup system under which Maine-produced alcoholic products are marked up 10% less in state liquor stores than similar products not produced in Maine.

In addition, several references to consumer "taxes" in the markup description contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28, section 451, have been removed.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL COST COMPONENTS ND LD 1812
1103 FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED IN FISCAL YEAR
1987-88 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: CASHMAN, Twitchell Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1812

SUMMARY: This bill sets the cost of the municipal cost components for purposes of property taxes in the unorganized territory. The Committee Amendment corrects the figures for Education and Oxford County to reflect developments after printing of the bill. It also includes some specific requirements relating only to the Aroostook county portion of the components.

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