

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

**STATE OF MAINE
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**



**BILL SUMMARY
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
TRANSPORTATION**

MAY 1988

MEMBERS

Sen. Charles G. Dow *
Sen. Raynold Theriault
Sen. Pamela L. Cahill

Rep. Fred W. Moholland *
Rep. Harold M. Macomber
Rep. Roger M. Pouliot
Rep. Frederick F. Soucy
Rep. Jeffery N. Mills
Rep. Polly Reeves
Rep. Donald A. Strout
Rep. Orland G. McPherson
Rep. Daniel J. Callahan
Rep. Roland S. Salsbury, Jr.

*** Denotes Chair**

Staff: Haven Whiteside, Legislative Analyst

**Office of Policy & Legal Analysis
Room 101, State House Sta. 13
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-1670**

EN T. GINDER, DIRECTOR
EN WHITESIDE, DEP. DIRECTOR
ERT W. BREWER
ID C. ELLIOTT
) FLATEBO
THA E. FREEMAN, SR. ATTY.
B. GAUTSCHI
LIAM T. GLIDDEN, JR.



JULIE S. JONES
JOHN B. KNOX
EDWARD POTTER
MARGARET J. REINSCH
LARS H. RYDELL
JOHN R. SELSER
CAROLYN J. CHICK, PARALEGAL
ROBERT W. DUNN, RES. ASST.
HARTLEY PALLESCHI, JR. RES. ASST.

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

ROOM 101/107/135
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL.: (207) 289-1670

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST & SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Reallocate Funds from the Maine Turnpike Authority INDEF PP
2149 for Construction and Maintenance of Secondary Roads

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MILLS ERWIN E TWITCHELL		OTP-AM	

SUMMARY

Under present law, enacted in 1981, The Maine Turnpike Authority pays up to \$4.7 million annually from its operating revenues to the DOT for roads which provide direct or indirect access to the turnpike. (23 MRSA §§1961, 1965 and 1974)

The bill would require that at least 50% of this amount be used by DOT for secondary roads. (Under the federal classifications there are in Maine 2800 miles of secondary, 2100 miles of primary and 300 miles of interstate, plus some urban roads and highways).

The Committee Amendment (H-638) would have restricted the additional \$4 million to counties adjoining the Turnpike. This concept was included in LD2463.

LD An Act to Require Commercial Trucks to Stay in the Right ND 2599
2216 Lane Except for Passing

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ERWIN E THERIAULT BALDACCI MILLS		ONTP OTP-ND-NT MAJ MIN	

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2599

LD An Act to Permit the Department of Transportation to Exempt PUBLIC
2219 Certain Railroad Crossings from Requirements to Stop 675

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MCPHERSON DOW MACOMBER SOUCY		OTP-AM	H-530

SUMMARY

Under present law certain vehicles, including buses with passengers and vehicles with hazardous cargo, must stop at all railroad at-grade crossings. There are exceptions for: streetcar or industrial switching tracks in a business district; situations when a police officer or a flagger waves traffic on; a grade crossing marked as "Abandoned", an industrial or spur line marked as "Exempt". (29 MRSA § 998-B).