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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

State's fiscal crisis, this deferment was enacted to save associated printing costs during this fiscal year.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-233) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1788 An Act to Authorize Operation of a 6-axle Single Unit Truck and a Combination Vehicle with a 53-foot Semitrailer Resulting from the Experimental Vehicle Program PUBLIC 410

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS CASHMAN BAILEY R	OTP-AM	S-248

SUMMARY

Part A of this bill authorizes a 6-axle single unit vehicle to obtain a special commodity permit that allows a maximum gross weight of 85,000 pounds when carrying only forest products.

Part B of this bill establishes a permit authorizing operation of a combination vehicle containing a 53-foot semitrailer on highways designated by the Commissioner of Transportation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-248) makes several minor changes to the bill. The amendment increases the maximum length of the 6-axle single unit forest products vehicle to 41 feet and increases the maximum steering axle weight for the 6-axle vehicle to 15,600 pounds. It revises requirements for the rear underride bumper guard on the 53-foot semitrailer vehicle to allow for minor variations in centering the bumper. The amendment also reduces the permit fee for the 53-foot semitrailer to \$60 per year or \$5 per month. The amendment makes other technical changes and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1870 An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$27,500,000 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Highways, State and Local Bridges and Airports P & S 53

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R R BAILEY R	OTP-AM	S-342 S-384 GOULD R R

SUMMARY

This bond issue authorizes up to \$27,500,000 to be used to match available federal funds for improvements to highways, state and local bridges and airports.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-342) clarifies the bond issue question and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-384) to Committee Amendment "A" increases the amount of bonds authorized by \$2.2 million to provide funds to complete construction of one state ferry and to provide harbor improvements and rephrases the question that will be submitted to the voters for ratification of the Department of Transportation bond issue. The amendment also changes the title of the bill and adds a fiscal note to the bill.