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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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LD:

142

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF ESTIMATES OF COUNTY EXPENSES

COOPER MANNING

ONTP

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill is intended to push back the dates for the submission of estimates of county expenses to the Legislature in the county budget-making process. The budgetary process would be pushed back about 2 months from the present timetable.

LD:

143

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A ROAD COMMISSIONER AND THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

STROUT THERIAULT

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC CH # 80

H-30 CA

H S

SUMMARY:

This bill clarified that the selectmen have final authority to determine the duties and responsibilities of the road commissioner whenever they might disagree. The bill rewrites and clarifies several archaic or ambiguous references in the existing law and makes two substantive changes. First, the bill states that, in the absence of a contrary statute, ordinance or charter provision, "any decision involving the duties and responsibilities of the road commissioner shall be made by the selectmen." Secondly, the bill adds language authorizing the selectmen to order the road commissioner to rectify dangerous road conditions within 24 hours of their written notice to the commissioner. If he fails to act, the selectmen are authorized to contract out the work or take other measures to eliminate the safety hazard. Committee amendment H-30 simply added language ensuring that all decisions must be made by a majority of the selectmen.

LD:

155

AN ACT CONCERNING RECORDATION OF INTERMENT

HALE MURPHY E

OTP

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC CH # 44

SUMMARY:

This bill would require a municipality to keep a public record of burial or cremation permits concerning dead bodies or ashes that are interred within that municipality.