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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 263 AN ACT RELATING TO A NEW REGISTRATION PLATE
ISSUE (REPORTED PURSUANT TO A STUDY ORDER)

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee
SENATE Ref'd to Committee
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill is the license plate renewal plan that was created by an off-session study committee. It called for a new general issue of plates which would be manufactured in 1985 and distributed in one year, beginning in July 1986. There are so many dimensions to this issue and countless variations of these aspects that it was impossible to gain final consensus on the question. The bill was held over.

LD: 287 AN ACT TO REQUIRE SEAT BELTS FOR PERSONS RIDING IN OPEN-BACK VEHICLES SMITH C B
CARROLL

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have required all persons riding in the unenclosed portion of open-back vehicles to be restrained by safety seat belts. Farm vehicles, while operating in a 20-mile radius of the farm at a speed not exceeding 25 miles an hour, were to be exempt.

LD: 299 AN ACT TO REIMBURSE PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE COSTS OF RELOCATING FACILITIES AS A RESULT OF STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION BALDACCI

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill proposed that the cost of relocating utility facilities, when required for highway construction, be borne by the taxpayers in the same way that the cost of the highway construction itself is borne.

Under present law, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 255, public utilities are entitled to reimbursement out of the Highway Fund for up to 90% of the costs of relocating facilities when required in the construction of interstate highways. No similar provision applies when public utility facilities must be relocated in connection with state highway construction.