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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 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 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

This bill states that in Washington County department heads are to make all purchases of all budgeted services, supplies, materials and equipment regardless of price. If the bid price exceeds the budgeted amount, county commissioner approval must be obtained.

**LD 88** AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AROOSTOOK COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE ON A PERMANENT BASIS ND LD 1721

Sponsor: MCHENRY, Smith, Ingraham, Collins  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1721

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1721.

LD 111 AN ACT TO ALLOW RECALL OF COUNTY OFFICERS ONTP

Sponsor: VOSE, Moholland, Tammaro  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Some 15 Maine municipalities have recall provisions. There is currently no provision for recall of county or state officers.

This bill would allow the recall of all elected county officers except the Sheriff. The position of Sheriff is a Constitutionally created position. This recall is allowed only for the specific offenses of misfeasance, misconduct, incompetence or failure to perform prescribed duties. The recall requires an application for a recall petition requiring 25 signatures and a statement of the reason for recall. The recall itself must be supported by 25% of the registered voters.

The person to be recalled would have an opportunity to submit a statement which will appear on the recall ballot. He may also petition the superior court as to the sufficiency of the charge.

Recalled county commissioners would be replaced by election. The voters are to determine whether other recalled officers are to be replaced by appointment or election.