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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

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE TREE GROWTH TAX LAW
236

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: MICHAUD, Cashman, Clark, H.
Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: Increase minimum acreage for inclusion in tree growth classification from 10 to 50 acres. Also increases reimbursement to municipalities from 15¢ to 30¢ per acre.

LD AN ACT AMENDING THE EXCISE TAX LAW AS IT
251 RELATES TO TELEPHONE COMPANY MOTOR VEHICLES

PL 1987
c. 13

Sponsor: MAYO, Jackson, Nadeau, G. R., Twitchell
Committee Report: OTP
Amendments Adopted:
H-11 CASHMAN
H-3 CASHMAN

SUMMARY: Original bill provides an exemption from the motor vehicle excise tax for vehicles leased by persons providing telecommunications services and to vehicles owned by railroad companies.

The bill, as amended in the House extends the exemption to telecommunications vehicles only.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE WATERCRAFT EXCISE TAX LAW
273

PL 1987
c. 196

Sponsor: ZIRNKILTON, Twitchell
Committee Report: OTP-AM
Amendments Adopted:
H-129 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill makes the following changes in the watercraft excise tax:

1. It changes the penalties for failure to display an excise tax decal, clarifies who may enforce the violation and provides that penalties will be paid to the municipality where the tax would be due.
2. It requires boat yards and marina owners to maintain a list of boats stored, docked or moored there for inspection by law enforcement officers and municipal officials.
3. It increases the length tax on boats 23 feet or longer and the horsepower tax on motors with more than 70 horsepower.

4. It changes rulemaking authority from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Bureau of Taxation.

5. It provides a transfer credit for boats transferred during the year for which an excise tax was paid.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAXATION OF TRADE-IN LVWD
274 EQUIPMENT

Sponsor: RANDALL, Twitchell
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Provides a sales tax refund equal to the amount of sales tax paid on depreciable construction equipment.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX CREDIT ON THE PL 1987
275 TRADE-IN OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT c. 128

Sponsor: RANDALL, Twitchell
Committee Report: OTP-AM
Amendments Adopted:
S-46 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Provides a sales tax credit of 20% of the trade-in allowance on the trade-in of special mobile equipment. The full trade-in credit is extended to livestock trailers. This bill also subjects both of these types of property to the tax on casual sales.

LD AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TAX LAWS OF THE STATE AS LVWD
298 THEY RELATE TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Sponsor: VOSE, Perkins, Baldacci, Zirnkilton
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill contains the following provisions.

1. It amends the definition of "telecommunications service" to reflect technological capabilities.
2. It excludes from the sales tax purchases of telecommunications equipment to be leased and subjects all leases of personal property to the sales tax.
3. It eliminates the telecommunications excise tax on interstate services and results in the property used in providing those services becoming subject to the local property tax.