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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 196 AN ACT REQUIRING PROPER PLACEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER PLATES. ND LD 1034

Sponsor: HEPBURN, Whitmore, Cote, LaPointe
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1034

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1034.

LD 237 AN ACT RELATING TO USE OF 6-AXLE VEHICLES TO HAUL COMMODITIES. LVWD

Sponsor: MCPHERSON, Cahill
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have allowed special commodity permits for 6-axle combination vehicles, regardless of the commodity carried.

LD 267 AN ACT AUTHORIZING A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF SEAT BELTS IN SCHOOL BUSES. LVWD

Sponsor: REEVES, Cahill, Mills, Soucy
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have required the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility and desirability of seat belt use in school buses.

LD 272 AN ACT TO AMEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS. ND LD 1108

Sponsor: MACOMBER, Strout D
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT LD 1108

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1108.

LD 304 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AMONG MAINE'S YOUNG DRIVERS. ONTP

Sponsor: REEVES, Rydell, Carroll
Committee Report: ONTP OTP-A

SUMMARY: This bill would have required minors to hold a valid instructional permit for the operation of a motor vehicle for a period of at least one year prior to making

application for an operators license. It would have extended the validity of the permit from one year to 18 months. The bill would also have prohibited persons under the age of 17 from operating a motor vehicle on a public way between midnight and 6 a.m..

Committee amendment "A" (H-287), was presented as the minority report and changed the length of the permit period to not less than 3 months, which could have been waived by the Secretary of State if the applicant had proof that there was no other means of transportation to and from school or work.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY ND LD 1806
308 ACT.

Sponsor: HIGGINS, Macomber, Whitmore, Dutremble D
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1806

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1806.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF MOTOR LVWD
312 VEHICLE LICENSES FOR REFUSAL OF CHEMICAL TESTS.

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Marsano, Conley
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have eliminated the cumulative suspension feature of Maine's implied consent (to submit to a chemical test) law. It would have allowed the automatic suspension of a license resulting from a refusal to take the test to be deducted from the suspension resulting from a conviction on operating under the influence. At present, the two suspensions are additive.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES OF ONTP
388 PERSONS OPERATING A TRUCK WITH AN UNCOVERED
 LOAD.

Sponsor: GREENLAW
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill would have defined the registered owner of a vehicle of which any part of a load falls to the ground, as the operator of the vehicle for the purposes of responsibility for any damage caused by a falling load.