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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

Sponsor: NORTON
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill would have changed the current law regarding abandonment of public ways. Current law states that for a road to be considered abandoned, it must have been established prior to 1946 and not maintained for at least 30 years. The change would have removed the specific date and required a road to be abandoned for 40 years. Secondly, the bill would have removed the necessity for paying damages to the abutting property owners. Finally, the bill would have removed the provision that a municipality could make an abandoned road into an easement for recreational purposes.

Sponsor: PRAY, Martin J, Dow, Moholland
Committee Report: OTP-A - ONTP
Amendments Adopted:
S-144 DOW
S-145 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The original bill would have required the Department of Transportation to build an East-West Highway from the junction of Route 1 in Calais to Gilead. The construction would have taken place in the 6 bienniums following the 1987-88 biennium.

The committee amendment (S-145) added a fiscal note which specified that the department should conduct preliminary location analyses in the fiscal year 1987-88 and start preconstruction engineering in fiscal year 1988-89.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-144) removed the requirement that the construction be completed in the next 6 bienniums and left the construction schedule to be determined by the department's future investment program. It retained the location analysis and preconstruction engineering schedule established in the committee amendment. The cost would be absorbed in the department budget.