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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 939 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A STANDARD FOR UNIFORMS FOR ON-DUTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS LVWD

Sponsor: RUHLIN, Brawn, Hale, Greenlaw
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would set up-dated safety standards for station uniforms worn by "on-duty" career firefighters. The standards are based on the National Fire Protection Association standards to provide further protection and not negate the protective qualities of the outer garments. See also LD 1686.

LD 946 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FREQUENCY OF LOCAL OPTION QUESTION ELECTIONS PL 1987 c. 54 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: VOSE, Randall
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 408

SUMMARY: The original bill would reduce the time between local option liquor questions from 2 years to 1 year for a vote subsequent to a "No" vote. The 2 year waiting period would be retained after a "Yes" vote.

The New Draft reduces the time between all local option votes to no less than 1 year, plus makes the bill an emergency.

LD 947 AN ACT RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTING BY RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES, BOARDING HOMES AND CONGREGATE HOUSING UNITS PL 1987 c. 62

Sponsor: MELENDY, Holloway, Priest, Kany
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 53

SUMMARY: The original bill would set up a procedure for absentee voting in certain housing facilities.

The clerk would set a time of not less than 3 days, which are not more than 30 days before the election, during which time the clerk or deputy clerk would be present to administer the absentee balloting. Nobody in the specific facilities could otherwise vote absentee, unless the Secretary of State exempted the municipality on hardship grounds.

This new draft prohibits the clerk from delivering absentee ballots for persons living in a licensed nursing home, a licensed boarding home or certified congregate housing unit to a 3rd person whose name is on the ballot. These residents can still vote absentee by using the mail or by having a 3rd person, other than a candidate, deliver the