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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 ENABLE MUNICIPALITIES TO ASSESS
1179 IMPACT TAXES ON DEVELOPMENT

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: CONNOLLY, Mayo, Higgins, Estes
Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: This bill was held over by the Committee.

Permits municipalities to adopt an excise tax on new developments to offset direct and indirect costs to the municipality associated with the development.

This bill was held over by the Committee.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE INFLATION INCREMENTING
1197 PROVISION IN THE TAX LAWS

PL 1987
c. 430

Sponsor: HIGGINS, Bailey, Hanley, Cashman
Committee Report: OTP-AM
Amendments Adopted:
H-263 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill changes the method of indexing under the income tax for the standard deduction, personal exemption and bracket amounts to provide for cumulative indexing rather than incremental adjustments. This will permit eventual adjustments when there are periods of low inflation.

LD AN ACT TO EXEMPT A HOMESTEAD PERCENTAGE OF
1215 PROPERTY TAX

LVWD

Sponsor: RANDALL, Twitchell, Jackson, Zirnkilton
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Provides a property tax exemption of 20% of value for homesteads which are occupied by the taxpayer.

LD AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO CHOOSE
1225 ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF REVENUE

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: VOSE, Cashman, Twitchell, Dow
Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY:
This bill permits counties to adopt a local option sales or income tax. The sales tax would be limited to 2% of sales price and the income tax would be limited to 10% of the state income tax. The taxes would piggyback onto the state

sales and income tax and be administered by the State. After deducting costs of administration, the State would return revenues to the appropriate county.

Revenues from the county option tax would be used to reduce the county tax and could also be used to provide a portion of the revenues to municipalities within the county to assist in reducing the local property tax.

This bill was held over by the Committee.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE CAPITALIZATION OF THE LVWD
1241 MAINE CAPITAL CORPORATION

Sponsor: TWITCHELL, Cashman
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Clarifies the meaning of the term "capitalization" for the the Maine Capital Corporation.

See LD 1299 which includes this provision.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO UNITARY CARRY-OVER
1244 TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS

Sponsor: CASHMAN, Jackson, Nadeau, G. R., Twitchell
Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: This bill excludes from the net income of a unitary business all income derived by the business from activity in a foreign county, a United States possession or an "80/20 corporation" entitled to special treatment under the federal internal revenue code.

This bill was held over by the Committee.

LD AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE'S PERSONAL INCOME LVWD
1249 TAX EXEMPTION FOR DEPENDENTS

Sponsor: LOOK, Jackson, Farnum, Twitchell
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Increases the personal exemption under the income tax from \$1,000 to \$3,500.