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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                |

enacted, deleted the appropriation that was added in the committee amendment.

LD 1396 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,500,000 TO MATCH AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY, BRIDGE AND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS AND TO REDUCE GROUND WATER POLLUTION RESULTING FROM THE STORAGE OF STATE AND MUNICIPALLY-OWNED HIGHWAY MATERIALS. P&SL 1987 c. 66

Sponsor: Whitcomb, Dow, Cahill, Macomber  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-203 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The original bill allocates and appropriates \$26,500,000 from the sale of Highway Fund and General Fund bonds, which will be used to match available federal funds for highway, bridge, and airport improvements and to reduce ground water pollution by covering sand and salt piles used by municipalities and the state for the maintenance of safe road conditions.

Committee amendment "A" (H-203), as enacted, decreases the amount dedicated for sand and salt pile covering, adds an amount for the DOT Underground Storage Tank Program, and adds a fiscal note.

LD 1397 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE. PL 1987 c. 428

Sponsor:  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-204 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill implements those recommendations of the Social Services Transportation Review Committee which do not require a state appropriation. They include:

1. A change in the planning requirements to a biennial plan;
2. An expansion of the authority of the Bureau of Transportation Services to provide technical assistance;
3. Authority for the division to act as mediator and final arbitrator of disputes over service fees;
4. A requirement that the social service agencies work with transportation providers in developing new services which will require a transportation component;
5. Deletes the requirement for the Commissioner of Transportation to appoint an advisory committee; and

6. Several housekeeping changes.

Committee amendment "A" (H-204), as enacted, adds a fiscal note saying that there will be no request for funds.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TAKING OF PROPERTY BY THE PL 1987  
1410 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. c. 267

Sponsor: SALSBURY, Vose, Strout D  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill clarifies existing statute and makes is clear that the Department of Transportation can acquire property not only for highway purposes, but for all transportation purposes to which it is directed by law. It also clarifies the department's authority to enter upon private property to do surveys for projects other than just highway projects.

LD AN ACT TO CREATE A MAINE NATIONAL HISTORIC LVWD  
1434 DISTRICT SIGN PROGRAM.

Sponsor: REEVES, Dow  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have allowed the Department of Transportation on request of a municipality to erect signs on state highways and the interstate system pointing out to motorists the location of historic districts in Maine. The cost will be borne by the municipality making the request.

LD AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS FROM THE P&SL 1987  
1459 HIGHWAY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING c. 38  
JUNE 30, 1987. EMERGENCY

Sponsor: CAHILL, Strout D, Soucy  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill makes additional allocations from the Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987 to provide for construction costs at the new State Police Crime Laboratory.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND PL 1987  
1498 DECALS FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS. c. 228

Sponsor: MITCHELL, Gurney, Boutilier  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 478

SUMMARY: The original bill would have allowed the Secretary of State to issue special designated plates for Office of Policy and Legal Analysis .....page 37  
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