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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

hearing impaired individuals. Eligible individuals would also receive special transferable shields which can be displayed in the front windshield when the individual is operating a vehicle without the special plates. The tags and decals will alert a police officer that the driver will require special communication techniques in order to eliminate misunderstandings.

The new draft eliminated the plate but retained the provision for a placards.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC LVWD
1501 CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIREMENT FOR
RAILROADS.

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Duffy, Pray, Carter
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have required any railroad receiving state financial assistance to procure a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commissioner of Transportation in order to provide railroad services. At present the certificate is transferred to the new owner when a railroad is sold.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING RECONSTRUCTED AND REBUILT ONTP
1502 MOTOR VEHICLES.

Sponsor: RACINE
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill attempted to control the registration of certain types of reconstructed or rebuilt vehicles.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE RAILROAD EMPLOYEE PL 1987
1529 EQUITY ACT. c. 327
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Dutremble D, Joseph, Martin J
Committee Report: OTP-A - ONTP
Amendments Adopted:
H-270 JOSEPH
S-125 COMMITTEE
S-142 MATTHEWS Z

SUMMARY: The bill establishes a schedule for hiring priorities for railroad employees when an existing railroad is taken over by a new operator. It also establishes a new career training assistance program for certain unemployed railroad personnel.

The Committee Amendment (S-125) specified that the sale or transfer of operation must be from a financially related entity and that the former owner would be responsible for the training of the unemployed personnel.

The Senate Amendment (S-142) makes it clear that collective bargaining agreements negotiated after the bill is enacted may include priority hiring agreements.

The House Amendment (H-270) added an emergency clause.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE COST-SHARE PROGRAM PL 1987
1545 FOR SALT AND SAND STORAGE FACILITIES. c. 473

Sponsor: MICHAUD, Usher, Cahill, Whitcomb
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-221 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to administer a cost-share program to help local governments defray the cost of building adequate sand and salt storage facilities. The intent would be to curb pollution of the State's waters from improperly stored road sand and salt mix.

The Committee amendment (H-221) adds a fiscal note, indicating that \$900,000 of highway bond issue funds will be dedicated for these facilities.

LD AN ACT TO EXEMPT MUNICIPAL COMBINATION PL 1987
1554 SNOWPLOWS AND DUMP TRUCKS FROM THE WEIGHT c. 169
 LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON OTHER HIGHWAY VEHICLES.

Sponsor: STROUT D, Macomber, McPherson
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 72

SUMMARY: The original bill would have exempted any municipal vehicle engaged in either snow plowing or gravel hauling during the winter months from weight limitations on trucks.

The committee amendment (H-39) to the original bill would have exempted privately-owned vehicles which were operating under contract to a public entity as well. They would have also extended the exemption to times of year when the trucks were not engaged in plowing because the permanent modifications required to attach a snow plow often put the truck in violation of one or more limit.

The new draft extends the exemptions provided in the original bill and committee amendment to all vehicles engaged in snow plowing or sanding.