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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

control purposes, can include only malt liquor for which the excise taxes have been paid. The New Draft clarifies that even though the brewery license and the additional retail license are held by the same person, completely separate records must be kept for each license. The section specifically excepts the sale by the brewery to that one retail licensee from the requirement that manufacturers can sell only to wholesalers.

**LD** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY ABANDONED BY PL 1987  
**1656** TENANTS c. 249

Sponsor: MANNING, Murphy, E., Dillenback  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 441

SUMMARY: Under current law, landlords must move and safeguard for 30 days property abandoned by tenants. The costs can easily exceed the value of the property. The original bill would reduce the time the landlord must hold the property to 7 days after the landlord sends notice to the tenant.

The New Draft gives the former tenant 14 days to respond to the landlord's notice that property worth \$100 or less has been left behind. The landlord must itemize the property left behind in the notice. If the tenant claims the property within the 14 days, the landlord must continue to hold the property for 10 more days. Property worth more than \$100 is considered abandoned after 14 days after notice is sent.

**LD** RESOLVE, TO COMPENSATE JACQUELINE A. CARON, RESOLVE 1987  
**1657** PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ALPHEE c. 48  
CARON, FOR WRONGFUL DEATH AND FOR PERSONAL  
INJURIES ON BEHALF OF HERSELF AND HER MINOR  
CHILD, JEFFREY CARON, IN EXCESS OF STATUTORY  
LIMITS OF RECOVERY

Sponsor: HANDY, Berube, Gauvreau, Pouliot  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1136

SUMMARY: Alphee Caron was killed when the car in which he, his wife and his son were riding was struck by a large rock which fell off an improperly-loaded State road construction truck. The State offered the full coverage of its insurance policy -- \$300,000 under the Tort Claims Act. The original bill would allow Mrs. Caron to sue the State in excess of the \$300,000.

The New Draft authorizes payment of \$75,000 in addition to the \$300,000 settlement.