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BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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 CHANGE THE PERRY-PEMBROKE BOUNDARY
1549 LINE

P&S 1987
c. 32
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MOHOLLAND, Vose
Committee Report: OTP
Amendments Adopted:
H-160 CARROLL

SUMMARY: Upon approval of the voters of both towns this bill allows the town of Pembroke to annex a portion of the town of Perry.

The original bill is somewhat unusual in 2 respects. First it calls for the Secretary of State to call and conduct the elections and requires that the procedures for a local option election be followed, which procedures are similar to those for a biennial election.

Secondly, the bill requires that 10% of the qualified voters vote in the referendum. Generally, this provision is worded as a % of those voting in the last gubernatorial election.

The House Amendment made the referendum requirement 10% of those voting in the last gubernatorial election.

LD RESOLVE, FOR LAYING OF THE COUNTY TAXES AND
1607 AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES OF YORK COUNTY FOR THE
YEAR 1987 (REPORTED PURSUANT TO A JOINT ORDER;
HP23)

RESOLVE 1987
c. 23
EMERGENCY

Sponsor:
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This Resolve is the annual county tax and authorization bill for York County.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AROOSTOOK WATER AND
1671 SOIL MANAGEMENT BOARD

PL 1987
c. 435

Sponsor: COLLINS, Martin, J., Lisnik, Pines
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-162 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: A recent study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has tentatively determined that the adoption of controlled irrigation practices in conjunction with soil conservation measures will enhance the yield and quality of Aroostook County potatoes. The U.S. Congress has authorized \$3.4 million to implement a research and demonstration project as a follow up to the original study.

This bill sets up an Aroostook County Water and Soil Management Board consisting of 9 professional members who are to receive expenses only. The purpose of the Board is to coordinate all State and local efforts with respect to implementation of the research/demonstration program proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Staff to the Board is to be provided by the Department of Agriculture.

The federal legislation requires matching funds from the state equal to 35% of the total cost of the project. Since the Congress has set aside \$3.4 million, this would bring the state's share in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million. This bill authorizes the expenditure by the Department of Agriculture of \$184,000 in the next two years and sets up a fund under the Commissioner to accept additional moneys. The bill indicates that it is expected that these will come from the Maine Geological Survey, the Potato Board, the University System and other state agencies. However, the bill contains no appropriations to cover such contributions by these organizations. It also has no appropriation to cover the expenses of the Board.

The Committee Amendment requires the persons appointed by the Maine Potato Board and the Aroostook County Soil and Water Conservation Districts be persons engaged in farming. It increases the number of persons on the board by two so that each Soil and Water District has a representative farmer. The amendment requires the Board to report to the Legislature at least annually on its activities and recommendations. The appropriation is deleted because it is in the Part 2 budget. An allocation is added for the federal funds expected for the project. The Board is created within the Department of Agriculture and the Commissioner shall implement the allocation of these funds to the Board.

LD 1691	RESOLVE, FOR LAYING OF THE COUNTY TAXES AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1987 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO RAISE UP TP \$350,000 FOR EXPENSES IN CONJUNCTION WITH JAIL CONSTRUCTION (REPORTED PURSUANT TO A JOINT ORDER; HP 23)	RESOLVE 1987 c. 32 EMERGENCY
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Sponsor:
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This is the regular yearly resolve for the laying of taxes in Washington County. In addition it provides for an authorization to raise \$350,000 to cover expenses associated with jail renovations and construction.