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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  
1686

AN ACT TO CREATE MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS FOR  
FIREFIGHTERS

PL 1987  
c. 356

Sponsor: RUHLIN, Bustin, Hale, Greenlaw  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 972  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-225 SMITH  
H-235 PRIEST

SUMMARY: The original bill would require all paid and volunteer fire departments to meet upgraded minimum standards for training, safety and protective clothing and equipment by a certain date.

The New Draft requires that all training be in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association standards. It also requires that all purchases by departments of new protective equipment meet certain NFPA standards. Donated equipment or purchases of used equipment are exempted.

House Amendment "A" (H-225) exempts volunteer fire associations from the requirement of providing protective equipment for each firefighter in the association. The association must provide the equipment for at least 2 firefighters. A firefighter is still required to use protective equipment when exposed to a hazard for which the equipment is provided.

House Amendment "B" (H-235) makes the definitions of "fire department" and "firefighter" conform to the Title 30 definitions.

LD  
1687

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING DOROTHY GAMMON TO BRING  
CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE STATE AND CUMBERLAND  
COUNTY

RESOLVE 1987  
c. 46

Sponsor: MANNING  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 458  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-300 MANNING

SUMMARY: Dwayne Lakin was a prisoner at the Maine State Prison in Thomaston. He was sent to the Cumberland County Jail because of overcrowding at the State prison. He was then transferred to the Portland Safety Building from which he was released on his promise to return shortly. Within hours he severely beat and raped Dorothy Gammon, then fled out of state. Ms. Gammon was not notified with Mr. Lakin was taken into custody in Florida.

The original bill would authorize Dorothy Gammon to sue both the State and Cumberland County for up to \$300,000 or the insurance policy limits, whichever is higher.