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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

LD  
1826

AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS CONCERNING TRANSPORTA-  
TION BY WATER IN CASCO BAY AND TO STUDY RELATED  
ISSUES

PL 1987  
c. 475

Sponsor: WILLEY, Allen, Nicholson  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 82  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-327 VOSE

SUMMARY: The original bill was proposed by the Public Utilities Commission to repeal their jurisdiction over entry, rates, and service for transportation by water vessels in Casco Bay. Economic regulation of other modes of transportation by the Commission was repealed several years ago.

The new draft does not deregulate transportation by water in Casco Bay. It does transfer regulation of radars from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Transportation and retains the present obligation of the Department of Transportation to ensure continuation of ferry service to the Casco Bay Islands if it cannot be feasibly provided otherwise. It grants a franchise by law to the Casco Bay Island Transit District for transportation of passengers and freight, while other carriers must petition the Public Utilities Commission for rights to serve.

The new draft deletes Bailey Island from the list of regulated islands because the island is connected by a bridge to the mainland; it authorizes the district to subcontract; it maintains Public Utilities Commission jurisdiction over the district to hear appeals from customers relative to rates or service; and it grants the district authority to go directly to Superior Court with complaints of violation of this law.

The new draft also provides for a study of ferry service in Casco Bay by the Department of Transportation, the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate with a report by January 1, 1989.

LD  
1843

AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARRISON WATER DISTRICT

PL 1987  
c. 408

Sponsor: JACKSON, Twitchell,  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1235

SUMMARY: The new draft expands the boundaries of the Harrison Water District in both Harrison and North Bridgton, but includes less of Harrison than the original bill. It conforms the trustees pay provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, and it adds a local referendum for expansion of the district boundaries.