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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Reorganize the Legal Division of the Department of LV/WD
2006 Transportation

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DOW MCPHERSON MOHOLLAND CALLAHAN	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill will place all new staff attorneys and research assistants in the Department of Transportation in unclassified positions similar to the Attorney General's office and other departmental legal staffs. It does not affect employees who are currently classified, other than to make staff attorney positions confidential. Current staff attorneys would have a choice of remaining in the classified service or becoming unclassified.

LD An Act Relating to Unlawful Passing of School Buses LV/WD
2009

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DOW MOHOLLAND	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

Present law requires motor vehicles to stop for a school bus which has stopped with red lights flashing to receive or discharge school children. Violation is a class E crime, with penalties of a \$250 fine for a 1st offense, and a 30 day suspension for a 2nd offense within 3 years. (Generally, Class E crimes are punishable by up to \$500 fine and up to 6 months imprisonment). This bill applies the penalty to the registered owner as well as the operator at the time of violation.

LD An Act Requiring that Curb Ramps be Constructed in PUBLIC
2017 Accordance with the American National Standards Institute 604
Standards

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JALBERT	OTP-AM	H-452

SUMMARY

Present law requires curbs in business districts constructed or replaced after October 3, 1973 to meet Maine DOT standards for handicapped and elderly access. It also requires curbs to provide handicapped access at all crosswalks, but is not specific about standards.

The Committee Amendment (H-452) maintains the intent of the bill to require DOT to apply the 1986 standards of the American National Standards Institute for handicapped accessibility over curbs. Present standards will stay in effect until October 1, 1988.