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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::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*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 Laurette 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 Authorize the City of Old Town to Acquire Land LV/WD  
2052 from the University of Maine to Construct a Solid Waste  
Disposal System

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PARADIS E CASHMAN PEARSON	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill is authorizes the city of Old Town to acquire land from the University of Maine to construct a solid waste disposal system.

LD An Act to Deorganize the Town of Sherman ONTP  
2075

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SMITH LUDWIG	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill deorganizes the town of Sherman.

LD An Act to Expand the Membership and Clarify the Role of INDEF PP  
2078 the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRAY ESTES CARROLL MCGOWAN	OTP-AM	S-354

SUMMARY

Maine currently has a statutory requirement calling for a state commission on intergovernmental relations. In recent years members have not been designated for this commission, it has not been funded and it has not met.

This bill provides \$10,000 per year for meeting expenses and changes the membership from 7 to 17 members. It raises the State representatives from 2 to 3, adds 5 county representatives, adds 3 municipal representatives, bringing that total to 5, adds a representative from MMA and the County Commissioners Association, and eliminates the 1 member from the general public.

In the current law 4 members are appointed by the Governor and the remainder by the Legislature. This bill maintains the Governor's appointees at 4 and has the remaining 13 appointed by the Legislature.

Committee Amendment A (S-354), adds 2 executive branch officials and adds several provisions to bring the Commission's administration into conformity with Legislative Council guidelines; requires presentation of a work plan to the Committee on State and Local Government by May 1, 1989, including

recommendations as to permanent staff, commission compensation and desired number of meetings. This plan is to include the time and costs for developing a data base which would allow a report on the financial status of local governments; removes the emergency clause, and; adjusts the appropriation to reflect the later start date.

LD      An Act Concerning State Mandates to Local Governments      INDEF PP  
2090    (Reported Pursuant to a study by the State and Local  
         Government Committee)

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM		H-578 H-613    CARROLL

SUMMARY

This bill is a result of the study of state mandates by a subcommittee of the Committee on State and Local Government. It requires that all bills containing state mandates to local governments be referred to a State and Local Government "appropriation table". The bills would not necessarily contain fiscal notes. The bill requires the reactivation of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. This office is currently required by an executive order but has not functioned for some time.

Committee Amendment A (H-578) adds a provision that at least 2 weeks shall elapse between the time a state mandate bill is introduced and the time that it may be passed, adds a requirement that the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs monitor the effect of federal policies on state government, as well as on county and local government. It also requires the Office of the Governor to submit a status report relative to the intergovernmental functions required by this act.

LD      An Act to Allow Plowing of Private or Public Ways or      ND 2580  
2096    Roads by Municipalities

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GREENLAW TRACY PARADIS E BLACK	OTP-ND-NT		

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD    2580