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**STATE OF MAINE  
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ON  
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**MAY 1988**

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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 Amend the Law Requiring Motorists to Stop for ONTP  
2099 School Buses

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RACINE	ONTP		
SHELTRA			
CLARK N			

SUMMARY

The bill repeals a provision which allows vehicles to pass a school bus when the bus resumes motion or the bus operator waves them on, even though the lights are flashing.

LD Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Secondary ONTP  
2136 Transportation Corridors in Maine OTPA

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRAY	ONTP	MAJ	
DOW	OTP-AM	MIN	
MOHOLLAND			

SUMMARY

This Resolve establishes a Commission to study Route 9 between Calais and Bangor as well as the connecting roads from Searsport, Eastport and others. The study will assess: the adequacy of the road system for economic activity; its safety; and the cost and feasibility of a major upgrade of that road system.

The Committee Amendment (S-355) reduces the appropriation to \$5,700 from the \$9200 appropriated in the bill from the legislative account for per diem, travel and printing.

LD An Act Relating to the Weighing of Trucks PUBLIC  
2139 629

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CAHILL	OTP	MAJ	
MCPHERSON	ONTP	MIN	
POULIOT			

SUMMARY

The bill increases the penalty for refusing to permit a truck to be weighed from \$1000 to \$1500. In addition, the bill would set a maximum period of imprisonment of 30 days, as compared with the present statutory maximum of 6 months. Under existing law, the fine for overweight is on a sliding scale: for example, \$350 for 25% overweight and \$1000 for 50% overweight.