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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::

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| 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.

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
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| ALLEN HANDY PRIEST KANY | OTP-AM | H-468 |

SUMMARY

Current law requires municipal clerks to keep the clerk's office open for absentee voting for at least 4 hours the Saturday before a general election, which occurs every other November. The original bill would have based the requirement on regular elections.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-468) requires the Saturday hours before any statewide regular election, and any other election for federal or state office, such as a special election for State Representative.

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| LD | An Act Relative to the Union of the Trustees of the Maine | P & S |
| 2192 | Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and the | 096 |
| | Trustees of the New Hampshire Annual Conference of the | |
| | United Methodist Church | |

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
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| WEBSTER M MACOMBER | OTP-AM | H-465 |

SUMMARY

The Maine Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is chartered under Maine Private and Special Laws. The Maine Annual Conference and the New Hampshire Conference will be voting to merge and incorporate under New Hampshire law. The original bill allows for the union of the 2 conferences and provides for disposition of property and other legal ramifications.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-465) provides for notification once the merger is complete.

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| LD | Resolve, to Compensate Kenneth and Janice Demuth | RESOLVE |
| 2250 | | 108 |

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GAUVREAU BRAWN ALLEN | OTP-AM | S-377 |

SUMMARY

The original resolve would have permitted Kenneth and Janice Demuth to sue the State for damages suffered when Mr. Demuth was shot in the face while helping the State try to subdue a dangerous person. The State negotiated a settlement.