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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 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 2195 An Act to Amend the Law Allowing the Town of York to Repair Certain Private Roads **P & S 102 EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ROLDE MCPHERSON	OTP-AM	H-512

SUMMARY
 It is the intent of this bill to include one particular road within the provisions of a current private and special law which allows York to repair private roads within subdivisions at the request and expense of the abutters.
 Committee Amendment A (H-512) makes the bill an emergency measure in order that authorization for repair of the road in question may be given at the annual meeting in April.

LD 2224 An Act to Limit Elected County Officials to Commissioners, Sheriffs and Probate Officers **ONTP**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FOSS WEBSTER M BROWN REED	ONTP	

SUMMARY
 This bill would make the positions of county treasurer and register of deeds appointive rather than elective positions.
 The election of sheriffs and judges of probate and registrars of probate are mandated by the constitution, the requirement that the probate officer be elective was repealed in 1967 but only contingent on the establishment of a different probate system with full time judges. Such a system has never been established.
 County commissioners are currently empowered to call a voter referendum on the subject of making the county treasurer an appointed position. Two counties have held referenda on this issue and turned it down.

LD 2235 An Act to Revise the Charter Commission Law **ONTP**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RACINE WENTWORTH CARROLL	ONTP OTP-AM	MAJ MIN

SUMMARY
 Currently municipal charter commissions consist of 3 persons appointed by the municipal officers, only 1 of whom may be a municipal officer, and 6 members