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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 An Act to Reallocate Funds from the Maine Turnpike Authority INDEF PP
2149 for Construction and Maintenance of Secondary Roads

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MILLS ERWIN E TWITCHELL	OTP-AM		

SUMMARY

Under present law, enacted in 1981, The Maine Turnpike Authority pays up to \$4.7 million annually from its operating revenues to the DOT for roads which provide direct or indirect access to the turnpike. (23 MRSA §§1961, 1965 and 1974)

The bill would require that at least 50% of this amount be used by DOT for secondary roads. (Under the federal classifications there are in Maine 2800 miles of secondary, 2100 miles of primary and 300 miles of interstate, plus some urban roads and highways).

The Committee Amendment (H-638) would have restricted the additional \$4 million to counties adjoining the Turnpike. This concept was included in LD2463.

LD An Act to Require Commercial Trucks to Stay in the Right ND 2599
2216 Lane Except for Passing

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ERWIN E THERIAULT BALDACCI MILLS	ONTP OTP-ND-NT	MAJ MIN	

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2599

LD An Act to Permit the Department of Transportation to Exempt PUBLIC
2219 Certain Railroad Crossings from Requirements to Stop 675

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MCPHERSON DOW MACOMBER SOUCY	OTP-AM		H-530

SUMMARY

Under present law certain vehicles, including buses with passengers and vehicles with hazardous cargo, must stop at all railroad at-grade crossings. There are exceptions for: streetcar or industrial switching tracks in a business district; situations when a police officer or a flagger waves traffic on; a grade crossing marked as "Abandoned", an industrial or spur line marked as "Exempt". (29 MRSA § 998-B).

The bill would replace the exception for abandoned lines with a broader exception for lines with little or no traffic. DOT would have authority to post those crossings as "Exempt" after notice, and public hearing, if requested.

The Committee Amendment (H-530) adds a requirement that trains must stop prior to entering a railroad crossing with little or no traffic which has been designated as exempt, and a crew member must flag all motor vehicles to a stop before the train may proceed, unless the crossing is protected by automatic warning devices.

LD An Act Relating to 6-Axle Vehicles Carrying General INDEF PP
2264 Commodities

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DOW	OTP-AM	MAJ	S-359 MAJ REP
MCPHERSON	ONTP	MIN	
CAHILL			

SUMMARY
See LD2618.

LD An Act to Amend the Notice Provision under the Motor Vehicle PUBLIC
2266 Laws 591

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CONLEY			

SUMMARY
New Draft Of LD 1940

Under Title 29 of present law, section 2184 prohibits operating a motor vehicle with a license that is under suspension. Violation is a Class D Crime. Section 2298 prohibits operating a motor vehicle by a habitual offender with a license that has been revoked.

This new draft carries out the intent of the original bill, to require the same notice of license revocation to habitual offenders that is now required for nonhabitual offenders.

LD An Act to Enhance Enforcement of the Handicapped Parking ND 2587
2282 Laws

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-ND		
ANDREWS			
DOW			
MCPHERSON			

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2587