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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 Require Legislative Confirmation of Members of the PUBLIC  
**2355** Maine Human Rights Commission 709

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PARADIS P MACBRIDE BRANNIGAN BLACK	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

LD 2355 provides that all appointments to the Maine Human Rights Commission, subsequent to the effective date of the bill, are subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and confirmation by the Legislature.

**LD** Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the LV/WD  
**2363** Feasibility of Acquiring Coastal Property

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TUTTLE MITCHELL SALSBURY LOOK	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Acquiring Coastal Property. Such property would have been used to house employees of the Bureau of Marine Patrol. Currently, these employees are required to live within a certain travel time of their boats, but cost of coastal housing makes this difficult.

However, the Department of Marine Resources indicated that it was addressing the problem and the bill was withdrawn.

**LD** An Act Relating to Legal Expenses Incurred by State INDEF PP  
**2383** Employees in the Execution of their Official Duties

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TUTTLE CARROLL LACROIX WENTWORTH	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-684 CARROL S-430 MAJ REP

**SUMMARY**

LD 2383 proposed that any employee of the state or its political subdivisions, while in the conduct of his or her official duties, who is charged with criminal offenses and who successfully defends himself or herself against the charges would be reimbursed by the State for reasonable defense fees and costs.

Testimony presented at the hearing indicated that employees of school, sewerage, and water districts along with employees of municipalities and