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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.*

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The sponsor withdrew the bill, and the committee supported the sponsors development of a Joint Resolution memorializing Congress 1. to gain agreement from manufacturers to place markings on look alike toys and 2. to prohibit the linking of children's programs on television with the manufacture and marketing of toys fostering violent play. (See Joint Resolution, SP 0995)

**LD**      **An Act to Establish a System of Corporate Governance to**      **LV/WD**  
**2451**   **Protect Employees and the Public from Corporate Lawbreakers**  
          **and to Improve Compliance with Existing Civil and Criminal**  
          **Laws**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CONLEY	LV/WD	
MAHANY		
GAUVREAU		
BRANNIGAN		

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill was to protect employees and the public at large from corporate lawbreakers. The bill would have created additional civil penalties to deter corporations from violating worker health and safety and environmental laws and rules, concealing information about products or processes which may cause death or serious injury or endangering workers or the public by engaging in practices which violate government standards. The bill would have required corporations, on an annual basis, to file information with the Secretary of State relating to their worker safety, equal employment and environmental compliance records.

**LD**      **An Act to Replace the Abandoned Property Law (Reported**      **PUBLIC**  
**2457**   **Pursuant to a Study by the Committee on Business**      **691**  
          **Legislation)**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	H-551

**SUMMARY**

The bill revises Maine's Abandoned Property Law and replaces it with a combination of the requirements in Maine law and the national Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. The bill clarifies the procedures to be followed in dealing with unclaimed property and makes Maine law compatible with the laws of most other states in the nation. The committee amendment added a purpose section which is part of current law and made other technical changes.