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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 2570** RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Penobscot County for the Year 1988 (Reported Pursuant to Joint Order; HP1489)

RESOLVE  
091  
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This Resolve is the annual county tax and authorization bill for Penobscot County. Total appropriations for the County are \$4,626,000, an increase of 23% over the previous year.

**LD 2580** RESOLVE, Creating the Commission to Study the Subject of Private Ways and Private Roads

NOT BEFORE  
BODY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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TRACY  
PARADIS E  
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SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2096

The original bill allows the expenditure of municipal funds for snow removal from any road within a municipality.

There are currently three laws which deal with the subject. 27 MRSA 3201 states that the municipal road commissioner shall have removed or trodden down snow which is blocking or encumbering any way. 23 MRSA 3105 states that the inhabitants of a municipality may authorize the use of highway equipment on private ways when the selectmen consider it in the best interests of the town for fire or police protection. 23 MRSA §3651 states that all highways, town ways and streets legally established shall be kept open and in repair. However, the legal definitions of a town way, a private way, a private road are somewhat unclear.

This new draft proposed to study these issues. It failed on the Appropriations Table.

**LD 2606** An Act to Increase the Debt and Reserve Fund Limits and to Change the Annual Meeting Date of Frye Island Municipal Services Corporation

P & S  
108  
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 1965