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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 RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing
2570 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 RESOLVE, Creating the Commission to Study the Subject of
2580 Private Ways and Private Roads

NOT BEFORE
BODY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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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 An Act to Increase the Debt and Reserve Fund Limits and to
2606 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

The original bill raised the debt limit of Frye Island Municipal Services Corporation from \$100,000 to \$500,000. This new draft raises both the debt limit of \$100,000 and the reserve fund limit of \$250,000 to 7 1/2% of the state valuation. At the current valuation, this would result in both limits being approximately \$1,200,000. This figure of 7 1/2% is the current authorized limit for municipalities; it changes the annual meeting, effective this year, from the Saturday preceding the 4th of July to the Saturday preceding the observance of Columbus Day; and requires a referendum among the qualified voters relative to the raising of the debt and reserve limits. It does not require a referendum for the change of the annual meeting. The 2 referendum questions are considered separate issues with passage of one ballot question being independent of passage of the other.

LD RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing RESOLVE
 2617 Expenditures of Aroostook County for the Year 1988 094
 (Reported Pursuant to Joint Order; HP1489) EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 OTP

SUMMARY
 This Resolve is the annual county tax and authorization bill for Aroostook County. Total appropriations for the County are \$3,113,000, an increase of 5% over the previous year.

LD RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing RESOLVE
 2619 Expenditures of Lincoln County for the Year 1988 (Reported 096
 Pursuant to a Joint Order; HP1489) EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 OTP

SUMMARY
 This Resolve is the annual county tax and authorization bill for Lincoln County. Total appropriations for the County are \$1,924,000, an increase of 4% over the previous year.

LD RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing RESOLVE
 2621 Expenditures of Knox County for the Year 1988 (Reported 100
 Pursuant to a Joint Order; HP1489) EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 OTP H-700 ALLEN

SUMMARY
 This Resolve is the annual county tax and authorization bill for Knox County. Total appropriations for the County are \$2,125,000, an increase of 15% over the previous year.