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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.

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

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	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 Pursuant to a Joint Order; HP1489)	096
		EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	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 Pursuant to a Joint Order; HP1489)	100
		EMERGENCY

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

House Amendment A (H-700) adds \$15,000 to the county budget to be used in carrying out the jail bond issue which will cover architectural services, printing ballots and other related expenses.

LD	An Act to Authorize Kennebec County to Raise Up to 2626 \$7,900,000 to Renovate and Expand Jail and Law Enforcement Facilities for Kennebec County	P & S 113
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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN JOSEPH HICKEY MATTHEWS Z	NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	S-446 BUSTIN

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Kennebec County Commissioners to seek approval from county voters to raise up to \$7,900,000 for renovation and expansion of jail and law enforcement facilities for Kennebec County. The county will supplement these funds with state funds that will be appropriated under the 1985 Community Corrections Act, bringing the total project costs to an estimated \$8,800,000. This bill also repeals the authorization set out in Private and Special Law 1987, chapter 56, for \$9,500,000. The bill makes use of an Attorney General's opinion that states that a referendum required by an Act may take place between the time that the Act is passed and the time that it becomes law.

Senate Amendment A (S-446) makes a technical correction.

LD	RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing 2627 Expenditures of York County for the Year 1988 (Reported Pursuant to a Joint Order; HP1489)	RESOLVE 098 EMERGENCY
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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP	H-694 RIDLEY

SUMMARY

Total appropriations for the County are \$4,215,000, an increase of 3% over the previous year.

This is the regular yearly resolve for the laying of taxes in York County. This Resolve also contains a provision that all funds accruing to the county under the provisions of the Jail Operations Surcharge Fund and the County Jail Reimbursement Program are to be placed in a dedicated account to be utilized for the refurbishing of the old county jail for use as a short duration detention center for those in a prerelease or half way house status.

House Amendment A (H-694) adds funds obtained from the community corrections reimbursement program to the list of funds to be utilized for refurbishing the old county jail. This program was omitted by oversight from the original bill.