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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 Authorize the Annexation of Cove Point Township by P & S  
2629 the Town of Greenville 117

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GOULD R A PRAY	NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	H-731 GOULD R A

SUMMARY

This bill is to authorize the annexation of a portion of Cove Point Township in Piscataquis County to the Town of Greenville. The voters of Greenville and Cove Point Township must approve this annexation at the next regular municipal election.

House Amendment A (H-697) requires a separate referendum in each of the entities involved.

House Amendment B (H-731) corrects the method of holding separate elections to take account of changes in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A that eliminated local option elections in unorganized territory.

<b>LD</b>	RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing	RESOLVE
<b>2631</b>	Expenditures of Washington County for the Year 1988	099
	(Reported Pursuant to a Joint Order; HP1489)	EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP	H-692 VOSE

SUMMARY

This is the regular yearly resolve for the laying of taxes in Washington County. Total appropriations for the County are \$1,807,000. In addition, it authorizes transfers from surplus to the contingent fund during the year. Normally, such transfers are only permitted at the end of the year and only in an amount to bring the contingent account up to \$50,000. It also authorizes the commissioner to borrow up to \$50,000 during the year for asbestos removal. Normally, a county can borrow only up to \$10,000 without securing voter approval. Lastly, it makes explicit that for 1988 the Director of the Emergency Preparedness Agency shall serve at the pleasure of the county commissioners.

House Amendment A (H-692) adds \$10,000 to the county budget to provide funds to assist Rural Job Opportunity Zone communities in contracting for the technical assistance needed for their participation in that program.