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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.

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figures currently in this section to bring them into line with the 1988 county budgets as approved by the Legislature. This bill also contains salaries for future years in Knox County and Aroostook County.

The counties which are no longer required to have their budgets approved by the Legislature do not need to have statutory approval of the salaries of their officers. Currently, Cumberland County and Waldo County do not require legislative approval of their budget.

Counties which have county administrators may not pay a salary to their commissioners. Currently, Aroostook County and York County have county administrators. This bill, however, waives this no-salary provision for those 2 counties and allows the payment of salaries as specified in Title 30, section 2. It also allows the payment of \$100 per commissioner meeting in Aroostook County. The current limit for counties that have an administrator is \$75. The salary and per diem provisions for Aroostook County are not to take place until January 1, 1989.

House Amendment B (H-778) allows the payment of the \$100 per meeting fee in Aroostook County to begin with 1988, but the emergency clause states that the section referring to Aroostook County is not to take effect until 1989. The individual county budget bills have not been amended to reflect these salary changes.

LD	RESOLVE, to Revise the Kennebec County Budget to Reflect	RESOLVE
2644	an Increase the the Surplus Account	115
		EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PARADIS P	NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	

SUMMARY
This resolve reflects an unanticipated increase in county surplus and its transfer to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation.