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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a 500-foot transition zone next to every school zone, and requires a transition speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less to facilitate better compliance with the 15 miles per hour limit within the school zone. It would require \$51,660 for FY 1990 for signs.

LD 64 An Act to Clarify the Law Authorizing the Use of Warning Devices on Department of Corrections' Vehicles

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-15
S-16 BUSTIN

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that Department of Corrections' vehicles must use both blue lights and sirens in order to be given the right-of-way, just as other law enforcement and emergency vehicles must use their flashing lights and sirens. The bill also authorizes Department of Corrections' vehicles to use warning devices when responding to the escape of any committed offender, not just those from the prison.

CA (S-15) adds a fiscal note: The costs will be absorbed.

SA (S-16) is technical.

LD 65 An Act to Make Changes in the Motor Vehicle Laws

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-53 MOHOLLAND
S-23
S-29 BUSTIN

SUMMARY

The bill makes several miscellaneous changes in the motor vehicle laws.

CA (S-23) This amendment replaces the original bill and adds an emergency clause.

Section 1, from the original bill, would remove the exemption of camp trailers from the definition of semitrailer.

Section 2 modifies the original bill to make it a Class E crime to operate with a license that has been expired more than 30 days, compared to 180 days under present law. A shorter period is a traffic infraction.