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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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD 84 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Operation of a
Watercraft While Under the Influence (Reported Pursuant to
Resolves of 1987, Chapter 111)

PUBLIC 539

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

OTP-AM

S-309

SUMMARY

This bill contains the recommendations of the Maine Special Commission on Boating, created by Resolve 1987, chapter 111. The bill conforms the penalties and enforcement procedures regarding operating a watercraft while under the influence to those regarding motor vehicle OUI. The bill also creates a duty, and corresponding civil violation, for watercraft operators to submit to a chemical test when requested by a law enforcement officer with probable cause to believe that that operator has been operating under the influence.

Committee Amendment "A" expressly authorizes municipalities to enter into mutual law enforcement aid agreements to enforce the drunk boating laws. The amendment also provides that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources would receive revenues derived from and defray enforcement expenses with moneys collected from watercraft OUI fines.

LD 96 An Act to Equalize Liquor Prices

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

THERIAULT

LV/WD

MARTIN H

BELL

COLLINS

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Liquor Commission to set the price of monthly liquor specials at the same price for which the items on special are sold at the Kittery discount store.

LD 127 An Act to Limit Political Action Committee Expenditures in
Support of or Opposition to Candidates for Legislative
Office

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MILLS

ONTP

NADEAU G R

ERWIN E

HANDY

SUMMARY

This bill reduces the amount of money a political action committee may contribute to a candidate for legislative office from \$5000 to \$1000 per candidate per election.