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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-287  
H-316 TAMMARO

SUMMARY

This bill increases the penalty for furnishing liquor to a minor from a Class E crime to a Class D crime. The bill does not change the classification, a Class E crime, for furnishing liquor to a visibly intoxicated person.

Committee Amendment "A" makes the penalties for furnishing liquor to a minor more severe by establishing the following mandatory, unsuspendable minimum penalties: \$500 for 2nd offense, \$1000 and 6 months in jail for a 3rd or subsequent offense, and \$500 for a 1st offense involving furnishing to a minor less than 14 years old.

House Amendment "A" makes a technical correction.

**LD 149** An Act to Further Competition with New Hampshire in the Liquor Trade

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)  
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COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill allows the State Liquor Commission to establish 6 additional discount liquor stores along the Maine-New Hampshire border.

**LD 154** An Act to Promote Community Involvement in Law Enforcement Activities

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill makes an exception to the law forbidding solicitation of funds for law enforcement activities by law enforcement officers. The bill enables a law enforcement agency, such as a municipal police department, to make its financial needs known to civic organizations that could in turn donate money to meet those needs.