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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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-107 MICHAUD  
H-56  
S-404 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by committee (H-56), creates a deposit system for auto batteries. The deposit is \$10 dollars and can be avoided by trading in an old battery at the time of sale or recovered by returning an old battery within 30 days of sale (H-107). The bill, as reported by committee, had a fiscal note to support one half of a full-time position at the Department of Environmental Protection. The fiscal note was removed (S-404) by the Appropriations Committee because the responsibilities are covered by appropriations for the comprehensive solid waste management law (see LD 1431).

**LD 148      An Act Relating to Destroyed Permanent or Seasonal  
Structures in the Unorganized Territories**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-8

SUMMARY

The original bill required the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to act on permits to replace a structure destroyed by an "Act of God" within 14 days. The committee amendment (H-8) requires the Commission to give an application for replacing a structure that has been destroyed, priority for processing when the applicant can demonstrate a hardship. However, to receive priority the new structure must be of the same dimensions as the original structure and must not adversely affect the surrounding uses and resources.

In addition, the amendment directs the Commission to require that any replacement structure comply to the maximum extent possible with current land use standards, when a nonconforming structure has been destroyed or damaged.