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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
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill equalizes liquor prices throughout the State to the prices at the discount liquor store in Kittery.

LD 171 An Act to Clarify the Absentee Ballot Application Procedure

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a voter, located in or out of the State, may receive an absentee ballot on written request provided that that request is signed by the applicant and contains all the information needed to process a formal application for an absentee ballot.

LD 174 An Act to Extend Seasonal Liquor Licenses Under Certain Circumstances

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill allows the State Liquor Commission to license persons holding 6 month seasonal liquor licenses on the date the bill was enacted as year round agency liquor stores, if 2 criteria outlined in the bill are met. The bill creates an exception to the general rule that agency liquor stores must be at least 10 miles apart.

A majority of the committee recommended that the bill ought not to pass; a minority voted that the bill pass.