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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 176      An Act to Restrict the Withdrawal of Candidates from General  
Elections

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)  
LAPOINTE  
KETOVER  
HANDY  
MATTHEWS

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill deals with replacement of political party nominees who withdraw prior to the election. The bill prohibits replacement of candidates who withdraw, for reasons other than those specified in the bill, after the 15th of August preceding the general election.

See also LDs 485, 757, and 1070.

**LD 178**      An Act to Establish Rules for the Use of Dynamite and  
Explosives

PUBLIC 135

SPONSOR(S)  
MCPHERSON  
HOLLOWAY  
PRIEST

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-123

SUMMARY

This bill allows the State Fire Marshal's Office to adopt rules regulating use of explosives. The bill also creates penalties for violating these rules and raises penalties for violations related to transport and storage of flammable materials.

Committee Amendment "A" adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 182      An Act to Amend the Schedule of Fees for Permits, Licenses  
and Certificates Issued by the State Fire Marshal

OTP-AM

SPONSOR(S)  
CAHILL P  
BEGLEY  
MARTIN H  
MARSH

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-133

SUMMARY

This bill increases the fees charged by the State Fire Marshal's Office for the permits, certificates and licenses issued by that agency.

Committee Amendment "A" adds a fiscal note.