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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 259

An Act to Prohibit Motor Vehicles on Beaches

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BALDACCI

LV/WD

SUMMARY

At present, motor vehicles and motor driven cycles may enter a public beach upon paying \$20 for a municipal permit. This bill prohibits motor vehicles and motor driven cycles from entering a public beach. Violation would be a Class E crime.

LD 270 An Act to Amend the Commercial Vehicle Weight Requirements LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CARPENTER

LV/WD

PAUL

GOULD R R

SUMMARY

Present law contains a tire weight limit of 600 pounds per inch width. Federal regulations (49 CFR 571.119) require tires to be marked with the maximum load rating and the corresponding pressure.

The bill replaces this with a requirement that the weight shall not exceed the rated load marked on the tire.

LD 323 An Act to Improve Ferry Service to Matinicus Isle

PUBLIC 544

EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BRAWN

OTP-AM

H-715 SKOGLUND

MCGOWAN

S-24

SKOGLUND

SUMMARY

This bill increases ferry service to Matinicus Isle from once a month to twice a month, and appropriates \$4,000 per year from the General Fund.

CA (S-24) This amendment replaces the requirement in the bill that ferry service be provided to Matinicus on a twice a month basis by a requirement for service 24 times a year, in order to allow for seasonal variations in need. It also adds an emergency clause.

HB (H-715) clarifies that ferry service must be provided at least 12 times a year.