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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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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funds allowed to be collected to \$150,000, makes the Maine Chiefs of Police Association responsible for overseeing the fundraising project, and requires an officer to obtain the written consent of the head of the law enforcement agency employing that officer before soliciting for the memorial.

House Amendment "A" amends Committee Amendment "A" to delete reference to the memorial's location. The committee amendment requires the Maine Chiefs of Police Association to select the location.

LD 284 **Resolve, to Allow Rickie Harvath of Blaine to Bring Civil** **ONTP**
Action Against the State of Maine

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MACBRIDE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes Ricky Harvath, to sue the State for deprivation of his civil rights in the course of his arrest for illegal possession of marijuana and moose parts.

LD 291 **An Act to Clarify the Position and Authority of Inspectors** **LV/WD**
and Fire Investigators in the Office of State Fire Marshal

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HICKEY DILLENBACK STEVENSON TUPPER	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill changes the law regarding the law enforcement authority of personnel of the State Fire Marshal's Office in two ways.

First, the bill, reflecting a change in the organizational structure of the Fire Marshal's office, clarifies that fire investigators but not fire inspectors are vested with powers of arrest.

Secondly, the bill proposes an expansion of the powers of arrest of fire investigators. The bill grants fire investigators the same law enforcement authority as sheriffs within their respective counties.

LD 312 **An Act to Establish Consistent Daily Hours for the Sale of** **OTP-AM**
Alcoholic Beverages

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MURPHY BALDACCI	OTP-AM	H-247

SUMMARY

This bill allows sales of liquor on Memorial Day and Sundays to commence at 6 a.m. and continue until 1 a.m.

Committee Amendment "A" strikes that part of the bill which allows sales to begin before noon on Memorial Day and allows Sunday sales of liquor, in communities which have not prohibited Sundays sales, to begin at 11 a.m.