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JULY 1989

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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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**LD 333 An Act Regarding Abandoned Vehicles**

**ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)  
CARPENTER  
PAUL

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Present law makes the person in whose name the vehicle is registered responsible for removing an abandoned vehicle.

The bill assigns responsibility to the person in whose name the vehicle was most recently registered. The sponsor introduced an amendment which makes "the most recent owner" responsible.

**LD 334 An Act to Regulate Motor Vehicle Speed in Bad Weather**

**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)  
ERWIN E  
THERIAULT  
MILLS  
MCGOWAN

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation, with the approval of the Chief of the State Police, to establish bad weather speed limits on multi-lane limited access highways and to post the necessary signs or other warning devices to inform motorists of those limits. It would be unlawful to exceed those limits when posted.

A pilot program would be established for Interstate 95 between Augusta and Newport starting by July 1, 1990, with a report to the Joint Standing Committee on transportation by October 1, 1991. However, the Commissioner of Transportation could extend the program beyond the pilot level at any time, subject to available funds. This would require a Highway Fund allocation of \$216,000 in fiscal year 1990 to DOT for signs and contractual services.

**LD 354 An Act Related to Window Film Applied to Motor Vehicles**

**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)  
JACQUES

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill authorizes 2-way window film on motor vehicles as follows: side or rear window, transmits 35% of the light; front windows, top 4 1/2 inches only, transmits 20% of the light. The issue was addressed in LD 1399.