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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARY
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ON
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JULY 1989

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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 409   An Act to Mandate Driver Training and the Use of Safety   ONTP
             Belts by Police Officers

SPONSOR(S)   COMMITTEE REPORT   AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KETOVER   ONTP
JALBERT
LARRIVEE
PAUL

SUMMARY

This bill requires that any law enforcement officer who operates a motor vehicle while on active duty must take a defensive driving course approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety. It also requires that municipal and county law enforcement officers wear seat belts when in an official motor vehicle on active duty.

LD 411   An Act to Adjust the Municipal Salt and Sand Storage   ONTP
             Facility Cost-sharing Formula

SPONSOR(S)   COMMITTEE REPORT   AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY   ONTP
TWITCHELL
GOULD R R
BAILEY

SUMMARY

The bill would modify the formula for reimbursement to counties and municipalities for salt and sand storage facilities. All the formulas are based on an eligibility ratio, which is the ratio of winter miles of state and state aid roads to total winter miles maintained by the municipality, quasi-municipal agency, or county.

The old formula is:
   Reimbursement equals 25% of cost
   plus 1.25 times the eligibility ratio.

The new formula is:
   -if the old formula gives $50,000 or less,
     Reimbursement equals 25% of cost
     plus 1.35 times the eligibility ratio;

   -if the old formula gives greater than $50,000,
     Reimbursement equals 25% of cost
     plus 1.15 times the eligibility ratio.

The result will be to increase small payments and decrease large payments.