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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 438 An Act Concerning Municipal Harbor Commissioner Employment
Requirements

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

KETOVER
OLIVER
BRANNIGAN
ADAMS

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 438 proposed to require marine-related experience of municipal harbor masters.

LD 440 An Act to Clarify How State Reimbursement to Counties for
Housing State Prisoners May Be Spent

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

MCCORMICK
PERKINS
ROLDE
SEAVEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

RE-REFERRED

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 440 proposed to authorize counties to use funds obtained from the State for housing State prisoners in county jails for the normal expenses incurred by the counties in housing those prisoners.

LD 502 An Act to Increase the Recording Fees for Services Rendered
by the County Offices of Registry of Deeds

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

LOOK
RANDALL
NORTON
TAMMARO

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 502 proposed to increase the fee for recording documents with the county registries of deeds, increased the share of transfer tax revenues retained by the county from 10% to 50% and required the State to pay 95% of its share of the revenues to the Housing Opportunities to Maine Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-248) required the counties to place the transfer tax revenue in a special escrow account and use the money only to reduce the tax levy in the ensuing fiscal year and reduced the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund's share of state receipts from 95% to 90% to maintain the level of funding under current law.