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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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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill allows owners of dairy crates to register the name of the business which appears on the crates with the municipal clerk and the Secretary of State to guard against unauthorized use or possession. Any person who takes or uses a registered dairy crate without the written consent of the owner commits a civil violation and may have to pay as much as \$100 per crate taken or used.

## LD 445 An Act to Extend the Scope of the Returnable Container Law

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

Maine has a law concerning returnable containers which requires that containers for malt beverages, soda water, soft drinks and wine coolers shall have a refund value. This bill extends the provision of this bill to include all beverages except spirits, wine, fruit juice and dairy products.

**LD 486** An Act to Require Pricing Disclosures on Vans and Pickup Trucks

PUBLIC 51

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-30

SUMMARY

United States Code, Title 15, Sections 1231-1233, requires the manufacturer to disclose on all new cars the manufacturer's suggested retail price for the vehicle options, and the cost of delivering the vehicle to the dealer. The purpose of this bill is to require similar disclosures on vans and pickup trucks.

Committee Amendment "A" accomplishes the following:

1. Indicates that the bill is to cover vehicles for lease as well as those for sale;
2. Adds ATV's and customized vans to the list of vehicles exempted from the requirements of this bill;
3. Decreases the maximum weight for trucks excluded from the provisions of the bill from 10,000 pounds to 8,600 pounds; and
4. Changes the penalty for violators from an unfair trade practice to prima facie evidence of an unfair trade practice, which means that the violator may introduce evidence to contradict the evidence of a violation.