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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 492 **An Act to Require Deposits on Liquor Bottles**

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MCGOWAN
JACQUES
MICHAUD
ALLEN

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill includes all wine and spiritous liquor bottles under the Returnable Container Law. Bottles and cans holding beer or wine coolers are currently covered.

This bill also requires that the deposit for liquor containers, other than beer, wine and wine coolers, be at least 20¢.

LD 506 **An Act to Inform Consumers of Credit Rating Information**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BELL
ADAMS
MARSTON
GRAHAM

LV/WD

SUMMARY

The bill requires annual disclosure to consumers of the information in their files at any credit reporting agency.

LD 531 **An Act to Clarify the Obligations of Distributors of Beverage Containers**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CLARK N
STEVENS A

LV/WD

SUMMARY

In spite of its title, the purpose of this bill is to repeal the 2¢ handling fee required by Maine's returnable bottle bill.

LD 533 **An Act Concerning Crash Parts Used to Repair Damaged Motor Vehicles**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BALDACCI
JACKSON

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill requires motor vehicle insurers and repairers to identify clearly in any written estimate concerning the repair of the exterior sheet metal or plastic parts of a damaged motor vehicle, each major replacement part to be used that is not made by the vehicle's original manufacturer. The bill also requires that a printed notice stating that the estimate is partly based on use of replacement