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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.

CA (S-68) This amendment clarifies section 3, but retains its intent to expedite resolution of claims by requiring a subcontractor to submit a claim to the Department of Transportation within 90 days and then to arbitration within 60 days. At present, the subcontractor submits the claim 90 days after delivery, and then the department submits it to arbitration, with no time limit, except the 7-year statute of limitations. In both cases, the arbitration is binding. The amendment also retains the provision which allows the department to withhold more than 5% of the money due (but not more than the amount claimed) pending resolution of the claim.

**LD 594 An Act Concerning Antique Automobiles and Horseless Carriages**

**PUBLIC 100**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GRAHAM LIBBY MARTIN H	OTP-AM	H-81

SUMMARY

Present law allows "antique motor vehicles" to use registration plates from the year of manufacture, if that was 1942 or earlier. The bill extends that privilege to all antique motor vehicles over 25 years old.

CA (H-81) This amendment makes it clear that the term "antique motor vehicle" includes antique autos and horseless carriages, but not street rods.

**LD 597 An Act Relating to the Dig-safe Law**

**PUBLIC 109  
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BAILEY RICHARD STROUT D TWITCHELL	OTP-AM	H-37 H-94 MOHOLLAND

SUMMARY

23 MRSA §3360-A generally requires written advance notice of excavation to be given to utilities and the like with underground facilities. Public utilities, municipal public works departments and sewer districts need only give verbal or written notice. Previously MDOT has a similar exception but that was repealed in 1985. The bill restores the exception.

CA (H-37) makes the bill an emergency measure.

HA (H-94) is technical to conform to 23 MRSA §3360-A.