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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
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Present law requires that vehicles plowing snow or sanding be equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights. This bill makes it clear that those lights must be turned on during sanding or snow removal operations on public ways.

LD 619 An Act Relating to Highway Construction and Maintenance Signs and Advertising Signs

**PUBLIC 108
EMERGENCY**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-47

SUMMARY

Section 1 of the bill amends the requirements for signs on state and state-aid highways under construction to conform to the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Section 2 repeals 23 MRSA §1152 which prohibited advertising signs within 500 feet of the Turnpike right-of-way. Signs are now governed by 23 MRSA chapter 21 (§§1901-1925) which requires permits, etc.

Section 3 clarifies that MDOT may reduce speeds during maintenance as well as construction of a highway.

CA (H-47) makes the bill an emergency measure.

LD 636 An Act to Amend the Truck Laws

PUBLIC 107

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-74

SUMMARY

This bill conforms Maine law to federal requirements by adding an authorization for combinations of truck tractor and semitrailers to operate on interstate highways, and qualifying federal aid primary highways designated by USDOT.

CA (H-74) defines the connecting assembly necessary when a combination of truck tractor and 2 semitrailers is being operated.