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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 ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve requires DOT to study the feasibility of establishing an interchange on I-95 to provide access to Sanford.

LD 774 An Act to Provide Motor Vehicle Registration Plates to Surviving Spouses of Prisoners of War

**PUBLIC 112
EMERGENCY**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-100

SUMMARY

This bill extends the privilege of free special license plates to the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war. There are 350 special prisoner of war plates.

CA (H-100) The amendment clarifies that on the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse, the special plates may be retained by the family but not used on a motor vehicle. It also adds an emergency preamble and clause and fiscal note.

LD 816 An Act to Increase Safety on Maine Roads and Protect the General Welfare

PUBLIC 513

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-124

SUMMARY

The bill would require the holder of an instructional permit to drive under supervision for 6 months before applying for an operator's license. The validity of the permit would be extended from one year to 18 months.

It also would raise the minimum age for a driver's license from 15 to 16 for persons who have successfully completed a driver education course, and from 17 to 18 for persons who have not. There are 1,474 licensed 15-year olds.

(CA (S-124) The amendment retains the increased minimum age for obtaining a motor vehicle operator's license, with driver education, but it adds a provision for a special restricted license for 15-year olds who need to drive to school, to work, or in connection with work. In present law, an applicant for