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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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

The bill would repeal the provision in the State antitrust laws which provides immunity to any witness in an antitrust proceeding.

LD 815 An Act Regarding High-speed Chases

PUBLIC 262

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-143

SUMMARY

The bill would require law enforcement agencies to develop high speed chase policies which include specific considerations.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-143) replaced the text of the bill and requires all law enforcement agencies to adopt written policies on high speed chases.

LD 819 An Act to Provide Public Access to Records and Proceedings of Local and County Government Associations

PUBLIC 358

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-401 TAMMARO
S-187

SUMMARY

The bill required that the deliberations and records of associations comprised of municipal, county or other subdivisions of the State be open to the public under the Maine Freedom of Access Law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-187) applies the Freedom of Access Law to the full membership meetings of associations made up of entities already subject to the law, including Maine Municipal Association and the Maine School Management Association.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-401) corrects the term referring to school administrative units.

LD 856 An Act Regarding Negotiation of a Worthless Instrument

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would allow sheriffs and police officers to serve the notice of dishonor when a check is not paid.