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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:

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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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| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BALDACCI | OTP-AM | S-137 |
| ALLEN | | S-168 BALDACCI |
| REED | | |
| STEVENS A | | |

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to define the rights and responsibilities of suppliers and dealers of farm machinery; establish conditions for the continuation of farm machinery dealerships; foster fair business relationships between suppliers and dealers of farm machinery; prohibit unfair treatment of dealers of farm machinery; and promote compliance with farm machinery equipment dealership agreements.

Committee Amendment "A" increases from 30 to 60 days the time period within which the farm machinery supplier must pay the dealer for repurchased inventory.

Senate Amendment "A" excludes those dealers primarily engaged in the sale of heavy construction, industrial and utility equipment, attachments, accessories and repair parts because these dealers are substantially larger than general farm equipment dealers and better able to negotiate with the suppliers.

LD 963 An Act to Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealership Insurance
Coverage Laws

PUBLIC 261

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CLARK H | OTP-AM | H-240 |
| TRACY | | |
| GARLAND | | |
| BUSTIN | | |

SUMMARY

This bill requires that primary coverage will be the individual coverage of a person utilizing a vehicle owned by a dealership. The dealer's policy will still be available to protect any 3rd party injured. The existing law states that the dealer's policy may provide that the dealer's coverage is not primary coverage.

Committee Amendment "A" states that primary insurance coverage for a dealer-owned motor vehicle is with the dealer, not the operator. The limits of this primary coverage are as set in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 832. Excess coverage over these limits is to come from the operator's insurance.