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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.

LD 1103 An Act to Strengthen the Law Pertaining to Taking or Defacing Political Campaign Signs

PUBLIC 315

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-262

SUMMARY

This bill makes taking, destroying or defacing a political sign without authorization a Class E crime.

Committee Amendment "A" makes the conduct proscribed by the bill a civil violation for which a forfeiture of up to \$250 may be adjudged. The amendment specifies that a landowner on whose property a sign was placed or such landowner's agent and a person authorized to remove political signs by the appropriate candidate are not subject to penalty.

LD 1106 An Act to Allow Municipal Clerks to Inspect Sample Ballots before Election Day

PUBLIC 558

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-398
S-420 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes a municipal clerk, in the presence of 2 witnesses, to inspect ballots within 10 days prior to an election and report any discrepancies to the Secretary of State.

Committee Amendment "A" requires the Secretary of State to affix to each box or package of ballots shipped to a voting place a sample of each type of ballot packed inside that box or package. The amendment requires municipal clerks to inspect these samples on receipt of the parcel and to report any discrepancies between a sample ballot and the corresponding specimen ballot to the Secretary of State. The amendment prescribes the form of a sample ballot.

LD 1109 An Act to Provide for Forfeiture of Altered Radar Detectors and to Make Possession a Civil Violation

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill makes possession of a radar detector with its manufacturer's serial number or other distinguishing identification mark removed or disfigured a civil violation for which a forfeiture of up to \$200 may be adjudged. The bill declares a radar detector altered in this manner contraband which the State may seize.