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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 bill allows all stores, regardless of their size, to do business on Sundays between the hours of noon and 6:00 p.m. Current law restricts the operation of most stores with greater than 5 employees or more than 5,000 square feet of selling space to noon to 5:00 p.m. on those Sundays between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-165

SUMMARY

This bill:

1. Extends the definition of motor vehicle dealer to include those out-of-state, and, also, banks, car rental companies and other businesses that have occasion to sell cars.
2. Defines the substantial collision damage that requires a report by the dealer to the purchaser as damage that is greater than 25% of the current value of the vehicle.
3. Requires that collision information be reported by a dealer when selling to another dealer.
4. Reduces the statute of limitation for reporting defective cars from 2 years to 1 year and requires the purchaser identify a failure to disclose an accident within 30 days of purchase.
5. Provides the method of computing the purchase price for those dealers who are required to repurchase a vehicle because of failure to report defects or collision damage.

Committee Amendment "A" changes the definition of substantial collision damage, \$500 in the original bill, to an amount greater than 3 times the amount of property damage that requires that an accident be reported to the police. It eliminates the provision which reduced the time period within which action can be brought against a dealer for failure to report damage, currently 2 years, and the provision that the owner must discover the failure to report damage within 30 days of purchase. Lastly, it eliminates the provision that the dealer can subtract 15¢ a mile for customer use of a returned vehicle whose damage was not reported to the customer.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-225

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the home construction contract law covers nonstructural work, such as electrical, plumbing, heating and carpeting.