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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 1315 An Act to Change Certain Criminal Violations to Civil Violations

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
STEVENS P CONLEY FARNSWORTH HOBBINS	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill changes several traffic infractions from criminal to civil violations. Those infractions are: operating an unregistered motor vehicle, running a yield sign and having an accident, defacing a highway sign, using the license plate issued to another, and operating after suspension if the reason for the suspension was failure to apply for or obtain a license or failure to pay a reinstatement fee.

LD 1327 An Act to Amend the Liquor Laws Relating to Wine Tasting **PUBLIC 488**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CAHILL P	OTP-AM	S-252 S-271 CAHILL

SUMMARY

This bill allows off-premise retail licensees to conduct wine tastings if the conditions listed in the bill are met. Those conditions include written permission from the State Liquor Commission, no conduct of tastings on a regular or daily basis, and no service of more than 5 ounces wine per person per tasting.

Committee Amendment "A" allows only those retail establishments which derive 50% or more of their gross income from beer and wine sales to conduct wine tastings. The amendment allows a retailer to conduct only one tasting per month. The amendment requires that all wine served at a tasting be purchased from a wholesale dealer. The amendment makes several technical corrections to clarify the language of the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" corrects a technical error in production of Committee Amendment "A".

LD 1339 An Act to Require Municipalities to Leave the Names of Women Who Marry on Voting Registration Records **PUBLIC 379**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HOLT JOSEPH	OTP-AM	H-397

SUMMARY

This bill prevents municipal registrars from changing or removing the name of a voter who marries from the voting list without the voter's authorization.

Committee Amendment "A" permits the registrar to send a notice to a newly married voter to inquire whether that person name or address has changed. The amendment clarifies that, although a person's name