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ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
PART II - LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**JULY 1989**

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 1430**

**Resolve, to Establish a Charter Commission to Review  
Androscoggin County Government**

**RESOLVE 38  
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)  
GAUVREAU  
NADEAU G G  
WHITMORE  
COTE

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-285

SUMMARY

LD 1430 proposed to establish a charter commission to review Androscoggin County government and, if necessary, propose a charter for the county.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-285) requires a referendum to be held in November, 1989, on whether a charter commission should be established in Androscoggin County.

**LD 1456 An Act to Permit the Town of Windham to Maintain and Repair  
Private Roads to Town Road Specifications**

**ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)  
STROUT B  
DILLENBACK  
BUTLAND

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1456 proposed to allow the Town of Windham to maintain privately-owned roads located in the town.

**LD 1575 An Act to Change the Listing Procedure on Town Warrants**

**PUBLIC 295**

SPONSOR(S)  
MACBRIDE  
PEARSON  
STROUT D  
WENTWORTH

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1575 clarified that a town may comply with the statute requiring acceptance of state funds by voting on a single article at a town meeting rather than listing each source of state funds in separate articles and voting on them individually.

**LD 1581 An Act to Limit Municipalities' Responsibility to Reopen an  
Abandoned Road (BY REQUEST)**

**PUBLIC 395**

SPONSOR(S)  
PLOURDE  
TWITCHELL  
HASTINGS

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1581 repealed the present requirement that in order for a road to be presumed abandoned, the road