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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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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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SPONSOR(S)PARADIS P  
HANLEYCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill provides that persons hired to provide court security shall be considered employees for the purposes of the Maine Tort Claims Act.

## LD 1542 An Act Concerning Offenses Against Public Order

LV/WD

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MANNING

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill would revise the crimes of disorderly conduct (See LD 522) and obstruction of public ways (See LD 452) and would create the crime of loitering.

## LD 1556 An Act to Provide Additional Protection in Cases of Domestic Abuse

PUBLIC 372

SPONSOR(S)BALDACCI  
MARTIN J  
DUFFYCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-254

SUMMARY

The bill would allow bail commissioners to hold defendants in domestic abuse cases without bail. It would also require counseling.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-254) replaced the text of the bill. It requires that notice of protection from abuse orders be sent to law enforcement agencies. The Committee sent a letter to the Supreme Judicial Court emphasizing educating bail commissioners to use the bail code to ensure the integrity of the judicial process.

**LD 1572** An Act Regulating the Procedure in Small Claims Actions

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)RICHARD  
PAULCOMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill would have required the judgment debtor in a small claims action to post a bond in the amount of the debt and court costs, which would be forfeited if the debtor fails to appear for the disclosure or contempt hearing.