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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP  
OTP-ND  
OTP-ND-NT  
OTP-A  
ONTP  
LVWD  
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass  
Ought to Pass in New Draft  
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title  
Ought to Pass as Amended  
Ought Not to Pass  
Leave to Withdraw  
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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**LD 1954**      **Resolve, Authorizing Douglas Wright to Bring a Civil Action against the State for Damages He Sustained As a Result of the Investigation, Prosecution and Trial for Unlawful Sexual Contact**      **LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WHITCOMB	LV/WD	
ROLDE		
PERKINS		
BALDACCI		

**SUMMARY**

This resolve authorizes Douglas Wright to bring a civil action against the State, its agencies and employees for the alleged negligent investigation of, and prosecution of charges for unlawful sexual contact. Mr. Wright was acquitted of unlawful sexual contact on October 5, 1989.

**LD 1958**      **An Act to Remove Notarization from the Voter Registration Application Process**      **PUBLIC 694**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GAUVREAU	OTP-AM	S-522
BUSTIN		
JOSEPH		

**SUMMARY**

This bill removes the requirement that a voter registration application submitted to a registrar of voters be notarized.

Committee Amendment "A" provides that those who register to vote, within or without the United States, sign a sworn statement that all information on the form is correct.

**LD 2062**      **An Act Establishing the Rights and Obligations of Tenants Who Pay for Their Own Heating Oil**      **LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ADAMS	LV/WD	
PLOURDE		
BELL		

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows a tenant to recover the cost of heating oil remaining at the leased premises when the tenant vacates.

**LD 2065**      **An Act Concerning Warranty Rights of Mobile Home Owners**      **PUBLIC 690**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PRIEST	OTP-AM	H-797

**SUMMARY**

This bill, a unanimous final recommendation of the Commission on Manufactured Housing established by P&S 1987 c. 139, allows the Manufactured Housing Board to petition the Attorney General to bring a legal