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Joint Standing Committee Bill Summaries

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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	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 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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PUBLIC 902

LD 1930 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Title Laws

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUTREMBLE D	OTP-AM	S-475
MACOMBER		

SUMMARY

This bill makes a number of changes concerning motor vehicle titles, security interests, lien procedures and documentation. It modifies the procedures for recording a lien. The certificate of title will now be mailed to the owner and a certificate of lien to the lienholder. The title would list the lienholders. Procedures for certificates of salvage are modified to track those for certificates of Title.

The committee amendment (S-475) adds a provision to 29 MRSA §2374 to allow lienholder to dispose of a repossessed vehicle using a certificate of lien if the title to the vehicle is unavailable. It amends §2465 to clarify the process a subordinate lienholder must use in releasing a lien while a first lien is still in effect. It adds an allocation for fiscal year 1990-91 of \$72,629 from the Highway Fund to the Division of Motor Vehicles, for mailing the certificates of lien. The amendment also makes technical corrections and sets an effective date of Jangary 1, 1991.

LD 1981	Resolve, to Create the International Lakeland Trail			RESOLVE 63
	SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PEARSON	OTP-AM	S-476
CAHILL M		
HICHBORN		

SUMMARY

This resolve designates the area of Route 6 from Lincoln to the Canadian border as the "International Lakeland Trail."

The committee amendment (S-476) extends the designation to the entire length of Route 6.

LD 1989 An Act Concerning the Motor Carrier Representative Agents LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R R	LV/WD	
MCPHERSON		
HUSSEY		
MOHOLLAND		

SUMMARY

This bill was proposed by the Department of Public Safety. Under present law, any motor carrier operating in the State must have a permit and designate a resident agent to "appear in court on behalf of the carrier. But 4 MRSA §807 prohibits the practice of law by non-attorneys, with exceptions for: persons representing themselves; employees representing a corporation for small claims; and several others. The bill would authorize resident agents to represent motor carriers for traffic violations or violations of Title 29. The committee voted LWD when LD 2009 in the Judiciary Committee dealt with this issue.