

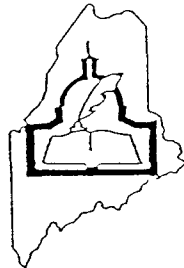
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

**LD 2383**      **An Act to Amend the State Railroad Preservation and Assistance Act**

**PUBLIC 791**  
**EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

MELENDY  
CAHILL P  
HOLLOWAY  
CHONKO

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-921

**SUMMARY**

The bill would increase the authority of Maine DOT to lease, purchase and dispose of "railroad operating equipment" by repealing a provision which restricts that to freight cars. The bill would authorize the use of state funds for that purpose. Present law prohibits the use of state funds. The bill would authorize financial assistance to "short line operators" which have gross annual revenues less than \$5 million or operate over less than 100 miles of track.

The committee amendment (H-921) adds a fiscal note that existing funds would be used.

**LD 2402**      **Resolve, to Designate the Quoddy Loop as a Scenic Way**

**RESOLVE 73**  
**EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

TAMMARO  
MCGOWAN  
JACQUES  
MOHOLLAND

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The Resolve would designate the Quoddy Loop Scenic Way. The Quoddy Loop is a region of eastern Washington County Maine and southern Charlotte County New Brunswick which includes Cobscook Bay, Passamaquoddy Bay, the islands of Deer Island, Grand Manan, and Campobello, and the coastline from St. Stephen to Lepreau in Canada. The area is served by a network of roads and ferry service including Route 1 from Machias to Calais, Baileyville, Princeton, and Canadian Route 1 from St. Stephen to Lepreau. The resolve takes effect when similar legislation takes effect in New Brunswick.

**LD 2440**      **An Act to Allow the Loan of Automobiles to Municipal Law Enforcement Agencies for Educational Purposes**

**PUBLIC 855**

**SPONSOR(S)**

ROLDE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-1045

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows dealers to loan vehicles to municipal police departments and attach municipal registration plates to the vehicles for law enforcement purposes.

The committee amendment (H-1045) restricts to educational use the authorized use of the vehicles loaned to law enforcement agencies.