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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 210 Resolve, to Name the Waterville-Winslow Bridge the "Donald V. Carter Bridge" RESOLVE 1

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MATTHEWS PEARSON KANY MITCHELL E	OTP-AM	S-26

SUMMARY

This resolve names the new bridge spanning the Kennebec River between Waterville and Winslow the "Donald V. Carter Bridge."

Committee Amendment "A" (S-26) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

LD 236 An Act to Amend the Definition of a Street Rod PUBLIC 30

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JALBERT TWITCHELL	OTP-AM	H-27

SUMMARY

This bill changes the definition of street rod in the motor vehicle laws to include a replica of a modified antique auto manufactured prior to 1949.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-27) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 241 An Act Concerning Vanity Plates LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GRAHAM PARADIS J MILLS GRAY	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed the Secretary of State to issue vanity plates containing up to a total of 7 letters, or a combination of letters and numbers. Under current law vanity plates may have a maximum of 6 letter/numbers and a minimum of 2 letters/numbers.

LD 247 An Act to Exempt Exits 19 to 21 on Interstate 95 from Truck Weight Restrictions LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL J CLARK N	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have exempted exits 19 to 21 on Interstate 95 from truck weight restrictions. Currently, trucks are avoiding the interstate and using United States Route 1 through Freeport because US Route 1

has less restrictive weight limits than Interstate 95. 23 U.S.C. §127 requires loss of federal highway funds to any state allowing vehicles to travel upon the interstate system with weights in excess of those set forth in the federal statutes.

LD 269 An Act to Allow Haulers of Unprocessed Milk to Purchase a ONTP
10% Overweight Permit

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
NUTTING	ONTP	
STROUT		
HUSSEY		
EMERSON		

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed haulers of unprocessed milk to obtain a special commodity permit, allowing them to haul up to 10% over the maximum gross weight permitted for the vehicle.

LD 278 An Act to Facilitate the Prosecution of Drivers who LV/MD
Illegally Pass School Buses

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
EMERSON	LV/WD	
NORTON		
CHONKO		

SUMMARY

Current law requires an operator of a vehicle to stop upon meeting or overtaking a school bus that has its red lights flashing. This bill would have made the registered owner of a vehicle legally accountable if the driver of the vehicle violates this law.

See LD 633, a similar bill, which was enacted.

LD 280 An Act to Change the Registration Year for Camp Trailers LV/MD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK H	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed recreational vehicles to be registered on an annual basis, with expiration of the registration one year from the month of issuance. Currently, recreational vehicles must be registered from March 1st to the last day of February of the following calendar year.

This bill was withdrawn because it was a duplicate of LD 20 which was referred to the Taxation Committee.