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The House voted to indefinitely postpone the Joint Resolution, and so it did not pass.

1265 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADVOCACY SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF CHILDREN'S HOMES Rep. Murray OTP-A
HSE-ENACT.
SEN-ENACT.
GOV-SIGNED
PL 1983, c. 539

SUMMARY: The bill authorized the Protection and Advocacy Agency for the Developmentally Disabled (Advocates for the Developmentally Disabled) to investigate complaints of violations of the rights of developmentally disabled persons who are residents in children's homes, emergency shelters, family foster homes and residential child care facilities. The Advocates were to report to the Interdepartmental Committee regularly on these activities. The bill also provided funding for two additional staff members.

The Committee Amendment (H-295) broadened the types of residences to include specialized children's homes and residential facilities such as the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. The reports will now be made to the Departments of Corrections, Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Educational and Cultural Services, and Human Services. The appropriation was reduced for the first year because the provisions would not be in effect for the full fiscal year.

1330 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COVERAGE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES UNDER THE LOW COST DRUGS FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM Rep. Hayden OTP-A
HSE-ENACT.
SEN-ENACT.
GOV-SIGNED
PL 83, c. 290

SUMMARY: The bill amended the Elderly Low-Cost Drug Program by allowing medical supplies to be covered under the program, subject to available funds. It also made some technical changes in the wording of the Act (e.g., deleting "regulations"), and required the Commissioner of Human Services to have sufficient staff for the efficient administration of the program.

There was no opposition, only concern that insufficient monies were allocated for this program.

The Committee Amendment (H-178) corrected a printing error.

1337 AN ACT CONCERNING CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING NEED FOR WELFARE Rep. Livesay LV/WD
HSE-ACCP LV/WD
SEN-ACCP LV/WD

SUMMARY: This bill would have added permissible standards to be used by municipalities in determining the need of an applicant for General Assistance aid. One standard suggested was that the applicant not have expended more than 25% of income on "luxury items" in each of the 3 months preceding the application.