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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

9. repealed the provision of the general assistance law that required the department to report to the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. That report has been made.

Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-366) added an appropriation and an effective date of Oct. 1, 1985. Two other amendments (S-351 and S-363), not enacted, sought to add an appropriation and a later effective date.

LD: 788 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES FACING FORECLOSURE BUSTIN CARROLL

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This proposal sought to include mortgage payments, if necessary to avoid foreclosure of an eligible applicant's sole residence, as a part of the definition of "basic necessities" in the general assistance laws.

LD: 789 AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE TRANSPORTATION AS A BASIC NECESSITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES BUSTIN CARROLL

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill sought to amend the definition of basic necessities in the general assistance program to include transportation where it is necessary for medical or employment related reasons.

LD: 790 AN ACT MAKING MANDATORY CERTAIN DISCRETIONARY POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS GAUVREAU GILL JOSEPH REEVES

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee
SENATE Ref'd to Committee
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill sought to mandate to the Department of Corrections that rehabilitative programs, half-way programs, post-release services, etc. be given a high priority. The problem that this addresses is that, although the Department has authority for these programs, budgetary pressure has forced the Department to emphasize incarceration at the expense of these programs. This bill was held-over to see what action is taken by the next legislative session.