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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 under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

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

LD AN ACT CONCERNING GOOD TIME AND MERITORIOUS  
299 GOOD TIME RELATIVE TO PAROLE ELIGIBILITY

PL 1987  
c. 61  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: CONNOLLY, JR., Conley, Brannigan  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-48 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill as amended permits prisoners sentenced prior to the enactment of the Maine Criminal Code and who are eligible for parole to elect to have the good-time deductions available under the Criminal Code apply to the calculation of when the prisoner is eligible for parole.

LD AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE MARKETABILITY OF TITLES  
307

ND LD 1776

Sponsor: DORE, Gauvreau  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1776

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1776.

LD AN ACT TO SIMPLIFY THE METHOD OF ENFORCING  
309 HEALTH BENEFIT LIENS

ND LD 1641

Sponsor: MARSANO, Gauvreau, Conley  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1641

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1641.

LD AN ACT TO ALLOW REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES FOR  
322 COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL ON APPEALS BY THE STATE  
TO ANY FEDERAL COURT

PL 1987  
c. 461

Sponsor: FOSTER  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-21 COMMITTEE  
S-240 PEARSON

SUMMARY: The bill as amended requires the Law Court to allow reasonable attorneys fees for court appointed counsel when the State appeals a judgment to any federal court or to the United States Supreme Court on certiorari.