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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 222 **An Act to Ensure That the State Supplemental Income Benefit Is Not Diminished by Inflation (Reported by the Commission to Study the Level of Services for Maine's Elderly Citizens Pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 58)** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ONTP

SUMMARY

The bill was presented by the Commission to Study the Level of Services for Maine's Elderly Citizens. It requires that the State Supplement to federal SSI payments receive the same cost-of-living increases as social security retirement benefits, and it provides funds for that purpose. It also requires the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services and the Maine Committee on Aging to report on SSI outreach efforts.

During this bill's deliberation, the Area Agencies on Aging voluntarily agreed to promote SSI outreach efforts by proclaiming June, 1991 "SSI month" and conducting focused outreach during that month.

LD 228 **An Act to Meet the Increased Need for Crisis Intervention and Community Education Services Provided by Rape Crisis Centers in the State** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRANNIGAN LV/WD
RYDELL
CLARK N

SUMMARY

The bill provides additional funds to the State's 10 rape crisis centers to maintain and expand outreach, direct services and coordination of resources.

LD 259 **Resolve, to Assure that an Appropriate Number of Child Care Vouchers are Allocated to the Children of Substance Abusers** **RESOLVE 49**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK M OTP-AM H-158
CHONKO
PENDLETON
CLARK N

SUMMARY

This resolve creates a demonstration halfway house for pregnant women and mothers who have substance abuse problems.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-158) replaces the original resolve. It directs the Department of Human Services to allocate an appropriate number of child care vouchers to children of parents who are in treatment for substance abuse.