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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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 900 An Act to Establish a Prospective Reimbursement System for Residential Care Facilities LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARROLL D MANNING BOUTILIER	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Human Services to establish a prospective payment system for boarding homes similar to the one used for nursing homes.

LD 908 An Act to Provide Funds to Dental Clinics PUBLIC 179

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI LEBOWITZ DUFFY	OTP-AM	S-91

SUMMARY

This bill allocates funds from the federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant to several dental clinics in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-91) replaces the original bill. It allocates the same total amount for dental clinics but deletes references to specific clinics.

LD 912 An Act to Require State-funded Institutions and Food Programs to Provide Vegetarian Alternative Meals LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OLIVER HOLT CONLEY KILKELLY	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill requires that all state-funded institutions, hospitals, homes and food programs provide as an option nutritionally balanced vegetarian meals.

LD 921 An Act to Provide Resources for the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OLIVER BRANNIGAN PARADIS J CLEVELAND	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Human Services, Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired for 6 additional positions and to develop braille production capability.