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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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 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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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Amendment H-389 clarifies that the bill affects people with mental illness and people with mental retardation in the same way and clarifies what the proceeds from the sale of property may be used for. It also changes the effective date of the new provisions to January 1, 1994, since the bill is not an emergency measure. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 338 **An Act to Require the Department of Human Services to Provide Hepatitis Vaccines for Volunteer Firefighters** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ZIRNKILTON	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to provide hepatitis vaccine to municipalities to immunize volunteer firefighters.

LD 342 **An Act to Ensure Equal Medicaid Coverage for Hearing Aids to Boarding Home Residents** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MURPHY BUSTIN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to apply the same eligibility standards and level of reimbursement for hearing aids for boarding home residents as apply to nursing home residents.

LD 346 **An Act to Enable Parents of Children with Mental Illness to Care for Their Children at Home** P & S 40

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DONNELLY PARADIS J	OTP-AM	H-426

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to seek federal approval to disregard parental resources when making Medicaid eligibility determinations for home-based services for children with mental illness who, in the absence of home-based services, would be institutionalized and ultimately become eligible for Medicaid because of the high cost of institutionalization.

Amendment H-426 replaces the original bill. It directs the Department of Human Services to expand the so-called Katie Beckett waiver to include children with mental illness, achieving the bill's original intent for the limited number of children who will qualify for the waiver program. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.