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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, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All 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 "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

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

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-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: PERKINS, Shute, Sewall, Lacroix
Committee Report: OTP-AM

S-371 CA H S

SUMMARY: LD 1698 proposed to restrict the authority of harbor masters by rescinding their power to make arrests and carry a weapon. This restriction would remove the requirement for a harbor master to complete law enforcement training provided by the Criminal Justice Academy.

The purpose of the bill is to enable municipalities to employ harbor masters who occupy the position primarily as a position of honor or to serve principally as a coordinator and as a regulator of harbor activities for a very limited period of time (3 months).

One police officer who also serves as a harbor master for Brunswick, testified against the bill. He pointed out that the drug trade, illegal trade along the coast, and search and seizure activities require harbor masters to be well trained for these situations.

The State Government Committee approved the bill. In the Committee's opinion, the bill is permissive and allows municipalities to provide harbor masters with police powers where needed. Municipalities may also choose to use municipal police to assist harbor masters who are not empowered with police powers.

Sponsor: GWADOSKY, Brannigan, Najarian, Bustin
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 1718 proposed to increase the level of per diem compensation from \$100 per day to \$150 per day to be paid to members of the Health Care Finance Commission. The legislation creating the Health Care Finance Commission (HCFC) in 1983 provided for a per diem of \$150 for HCFC members. The \$150 rate was reduced to \$100 in 1984 by legislation (P.L. 1983, c. 812) emanating from a study conducted by the Joint Standing Committee on State Government which analyzed boards and commissions throughout state government.