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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1987

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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

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Handy, MacBride

Committee Report: LVWD

This bill sought to increase the penalty for the crime of prostitution. Currently, prostitution may be punished by a fine but not by imprisonment. This bill would have allowed a judge to sentence a person convicted of engaging in prostitution or engaging a prostitute to imprisonment of up to 6 months.

AN ACT TO EXEMPT DIRECTORS OF CREDIT UNIONS FROM CARRY-OVER LD 338 LIABILITY ON CERTAIN MATTERS

Sponsor: WARREN

Committee Report: Carry-Over

SUMMARY: The bill provides immunity from liability for a director of a nonprofit credit union for negligence of an employee of the credit union or for the negligence of another director of the credit union. A director of a nonprofit credit union would thus be liable only for negligence personal to the director or for intentional torts of the director.

LDAN ACT TO AID IN ENFORCEMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT ONTP 341 PAYMENTS

Sponsor: DUFFY, Paradis, P., Vose, Perkins

Committee Report: ONTP (Majority) OTP-ND (Minority)

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1287.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE AMOUNT OF CIVIL PENAL LD PL 1987 DAMAGES TO BE AWARDED IN CASES OF UNLAWFUL c. 38 DISCRIMINATION

Sponsor: PRIEST, Paradis, P., Marsano, Brannigan Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: LD 354 proposed to increase the monetary damages payable to successful plaintiffs in discrimination cases under the Human Rights Act. The penalties were increased from \$500 to \$1,000 for the first violation, \$1,000 to \$2,000 for a second violation and \$2,000 to \$3,000 for any subsequent violations.