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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 summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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

the Financial Accounting Standards Board for records submitted to the Maine Health Care Finance Commission.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE LVWD
1033 COMMISSION TO PAY THE FULL COST OF BAD DEBTS

Sponsor: ROLDE,
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have required a hospital to recognize the total allowance for bad debts as reported by a hospital's financial records.

LD AN ACT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO MENTAL HEALTH PL 1987
1043 SERVICES FOR DEAF PERSONS c. 331

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Gill, Pines, Connolly
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill required the Bureau of Mental Health to provide accommodations and services to hearing impaired persons in order to provide them with better access the mental health programs funded or licensed by the Bureau.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE TO LVWD
1060 OPERATE A NURSERY SCHOOL

Sponsor: SWAZEY, Bost, Simpson
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have established qualifications for the director of a nursery school.

LD RESOLVE, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON RESOLVE 1987
1076 SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS AND ESTABLISH THE c. 66
COMMISSION TO STUDY CLINICS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMERGENCY
WHICH PROVIDE COUNSELING AND SERVICES RELATING
TO PREGNANCY

Sponsor: BRAGG, Martin J, Hussey, Brawn
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-306 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The original resolve mandated a moratorium on school-based health clinics while a special commission would have studied public school clinics which provided counseling and services related to pregnancy. The Resolve,

as amended, created a commission to study the need for school-based health services established to address adolescent health needs and concerns including, but not limited to: pregnancy, parenting, suicide, mental health, substance abuse, and sexuality and to recommend appropriate educational programs and health services which may appropriately be provided in the public schools.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT CHILDREN UNDER THE ONTP
1137 CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BE
PLACED IN HOMES WITH TRADITIONAL FAMILY SETTINGS

Sponsor: LOOK, Dellert, LaPointe, Randall
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill sought to prohibit placing foster children in "nontraditional" homes by establishing priority guidelines for acceptable foster parents. The priority for placement was relatives, married couples, persons with parenting experience, and persons without parenting experience. Placement in nontraditional homes, i.e. unmarried couples or single people, required exceptional circumstances and no traditional family setting available or likely to be available.

LD AN ACT PERTAINING TO BREAST CANCER TREATMENT LVWD
1169

Sponsor: CROWLEY, Taylor,
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have required physicians to inform patients with breast cancer of the various medical treatments available to them.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF INFORMATION LVWD
1196 AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
ON RADIOACTIVE EMISSIONS FROM NUCLEAR POWER
PLANTS

Sponsor: HOLT, Kany
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to create an off-site monitoring system for radioactive emissions from the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant. It would have established on-line gaseous and liquid effluent monitors and a series of gross gamma detectors. The on-line effluent monitors were incorporated into LD 1416.