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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

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LD An Act to Amend the Civil Commitment Procedures to Protect LV/WD  
1204 the Health and Safety of Certain Mentally Ill Individuals

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GILL GAUVREAU PARADIS P TAYLOR	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill sought to revise the procedures for involuntary commitment of mentally ill persons. As drafted, the bill addressed issues of involuntary commitment based on serious mental illness and lack of other treatment alternatives, rather than a finding of dangerousness. It also provided a definition of inability of a mentally ill person to give informed consent and how to proceed if informed consent to treatment is not possible.

LD An Act to Apportion Fault under the Comparative Negligence LV/WD  
1221 Law

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
WARREN COTE THISTLE	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill sought to alter the comparative negligence statute so that a plaintiff's recovery in a civil suit would be reduced by whatever percentage the jury found the plaintiff to be at fault for the accident. The current statute eliminates the plaintiff's ability to recover if he is found to be equally or more at fault.

LD An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Certain ND 2519  
1453 Emergency Medical Service System Participants

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GREENLAW DILLENBACK DEXTER CARROLL	OTP-ND	

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2519