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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

innocence and a 2nd jury to determine the sentence. All cases in which a death penalty was ordered would be subject to immediate review by the Law Court. The bill also contained a referendum clause so that it would not take effect until accepted by the voters of the State.

LD AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF SEXUALLY PL 1987
1242 EXPLICIT CONDUCT c. 165

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, Marsano, Paradis, P. Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill amends the law prohibiting and penalizing the sexual exploitation of minors to assure that prohibited use of children in sexually explicit conduct includes lewd exhibition of the anus and sexually explicit conduct even when the genitals, pubic area, or anus are covered.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW RELATING TO

1243 RESTITUTION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME BY EXPRESSLY PROVIDING THAT CITIES, COUNTIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES CAN BE VICTIMS AND THAT ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION

PL 1987 c. 157 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: BRANNIGAN, Paradis, P., Cote, MacBride Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: LD 1243 includes governmental entities within the definition of "victim" in the restitution law so that restitution to such entities can be sought from an offender after his conviction. The bill also authorizes the requirement of restitution from business organizations convicted of criminal activity as well as individuals.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL RESTRAINT UNDER THE PL 1987
1246 KIDNAPPING AND RESTRAINT LAWS c. 150

Sponsor: CASHMAN, Bost Committee Report: OTP

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The bill raises the age of the victim as an element of the crime of criminal restraint from 15 years of age to 16 years of age.