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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::

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

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 2103 An Act to Require an Interdepartmental Study of and Plan for P & S
 the Use of 3rd-Party Funds for Children in Need of Treatment 118

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CLARK N GILL THISTLE GAUVREAU	OTP-AM	S-424 S-434 GAUVREAU

SUMMARY

The original bill would have directed the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Commissioner of Human Services and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to jointly develop a plan to maximize there sources available to handicapped children throughout the State. Specifically, it mandated the techniques to provide Medicaid reimbursement in foster home situations which will provided a preferable level of care at less expense to the Medicaid program.

The bill, as amended, requires the commissioners of the 3 major child-serving departments, Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Human Services, and Educational & Cultural Services, to be integrally involved in the development of a plan to maximize utilization of Medicaid funds for children in need of treatment, emphasizing the need to seek Medicaid reimbursement for services to children in foster homes, which will provide cost-effective care in a least restrictive setting.

The commissioners shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources no later than December 9, 1988.

LD 2110 An Act to Conform the Hospital Care Financing System to PUBLIC
 Certain Federal Requirements Concerning the Civilian Health 656
 and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MANNING GILL	OTP-AM	H-491

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Health Care Finance Commission to allow discounts to the Medicare program to the extent necessary to allow hospitals to accept Medicare payments as required by federal law, including authority for discounts to the CHAMPUS program that may be required for participation in Medicare.

The amendment (H-491) added an emergency preamble and clause. It also reworded the amending language of the original bill to clearly distinguish between the Medicare discounts and the CHAMPUS discounts.