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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 Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Amend the Principles of Reimbursement for
2137 Nonhealth Employees of Nursing Homes

INDEF PP

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GAUVREAU
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-391

SUMMARY

The bill, as amended, addresses the difficulty nursing homes are experiencing in recruiting and retaining qualified nonhealth personnel by providing an interim wage adjustment for those personnel when appropriate. The adjustment shall equalize the imbalances in wages which have been exaggerated by the across-the-board percentage wage increases to account for inflation. For example, those who started at the lowest salary will get the most increase. Wage adjustments are only available for those nursing homes which have passed along the previous adjustments for inflation. In addition, nursing homes are required to show inability to compete for wages in the labor market and have a hardship in recruiting and retaining staff.

LD An Act to Establish a Community Mental Health Aftercare
2145 Program

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill sought to provide \$500,000 to the Bureau of Mental Health to expand mental health aftercare services. The bill, which was withdrawn, served as the basis for a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation encouraging the department to develop a community health system that will assure more mental health aftercare services.

LD Resolve, to Fund Demonstration Projects for Day Care
2169 Services in Health Care Facilities

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This Resolve sought to fund 3 pilot projects in the State to establish day care centers at hospitals to explore the efficiency of day care centers as a means to recruit and retain health care personnel.