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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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GILL	OTP-AM	MAJ	S-491 THERIAULT
PRAY	ONTP	MIN	
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SUMMARY

The bill originally sought to make two adjustments for the Certificate of Need Development Account. The first adjustment, \$2,800,000, would be made in the 3rd payment year for those major projects approvable but deferred as of October 1, 1987. The 2nd adjustment, \$7,200,000, made in the 4th payment year would be a temporary one-time adjustment to the Account.

The bill as finally enacted provided a temporary adjustment to the 4th payment year of \$7,800,000. It also required the Department of Human Services to contract with a northern Maine hospital to conduct a hospital-based psychiatric demonstration project. Other amendments, which were not enacted, sought 2 dialysis machines for a mid-coast hospital.

An alternate proposal would have established a procedure for the Department of Human Services to recommend an interim adjustment to the amount debited to the Hospital Development Account to allow projects of urgent need or compelling benefit to be approved without waiting for a later review cycle. It was also rejected.

LD Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Status of **RESOLVE**
2203 Nursing Professions in Maine **106**
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-AM		S-454
GAUVREAU			S-534 PEARSON
BOUTILIER			
PINES			

SUMMARY

The original resolve sought to establish the Commission to Study the Status of the Nursing and Health Care Professions in Maine, with particular emphasis on the current staffing crisis. The commission will be charged with identifying the conditions and practices which contribute to the shortage of health care professionals and assess its impact on the quality of health care delivery in urban, suburban and rural areas of Maine. The commission will submit its report to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature, along with recommendations to enhance Maine's ability to recruit, attract and reintegrate nursing and health professions to the industry.

The Committee Amendment (S-454) refocused the study solely on nursing professions and amended other technical details of the mechanics of the study. The Senate Amendment (S-534) changed the reporting requirements and reduced the appropriation for fiscal year 1988-89.