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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 Develop a Program for Prenatal Detection of
2302 Handicapping Conditions

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GILL	LV/WD		
CLARK N			
HIGGINS			
DIAMOND			

SUMMARY

This bill sought to establish a screening program to detect elevated levels of alpha-fetoprotein to help prevent handicapping conditions, and authorize the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to regulate the program and provide for patient support services.

LD An Act to Respond to Health Care Occupation Shortages in
2304 Maine through the Health Occupations Training Project **PUBLIC**
777

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GILL	OTP-AM	MAJ	S-468 MAJ REP
MANNING	OTP-AM	MIN	S-513 PEARSON
GAUVREAU			
PINES			

SUMMARY

This bill sought to provide a short-term, immediate response to the shortage of personnel in certain health care occupations. It established 3 programs.

1. A job and skill training program for certified nurses aides and home health care aides;
2. A job and skill training program for certain technical, hospital based occupations; and
3. An educational loan program for nurses.

The majority committee report (S-468), which was accepted, made several technical language changes and established the Department of Labor and the Department of Human Services as the Coordinating Agencies. Certification for training will be granted by the Department of Educational & Cultural Services. The majority report, as in the original bill, funded the nurse loan program by passing through the costs as an adjustment by the Maine Health Care Finance Commission.

The minority committee report (S-469) differed from the majority report only in that the nurse loan program would have been funded through a General Fund appropriation.

All three programs are sunsetted in 3 years.