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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 Establishing a Medicare Assignment Program
2324

PUBLIC
719

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-AM		S-393
PRAY			
MATTHEWS K			
HICKEY			

SUMMARY

The original bill would have required physicians and other medical practitioners who treated Medicare-eligible patients to accept Medicare payments as full payment for services rendered. This limitation would mean that physicians would have to accept the cost control limitations imposed by the federal government.

The committee amendment repealed and replaced the bill. Medical practitioners are presently required to post their policy on accepting medicare payments. The amendment would have given the licensing boards from the professions additional authority to assess fines on practitioners who fail to post whether they accept Medicare as full payment for services.

LD An Act to Prohibit Automated Telephone Solicitation
2336

H-ONTP
S-INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BRANNIGAN	ONTP	MAJ	
TARDY	OTP-AM	MIN	
GURNEY			

SUMMARY

The original bill and the committee amendment are essentially identical. Both would have placed restrictions on the use of automated telephones systems to randomly select numbers, dial and play recorded messages. The amendment made it clear that the intent was to limit totally automated systems where a live operator was not used. It also moved the provision concerning political campaigning from those cases where automated phone calling was specifically prohibited to those listing exemptions where it would be allowed.

LD An Act Concerning the Display of Dealer Markup Stickers by
2345 New Car Dealers

H-ENG
S-ONTP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SMITH	ONTP	MAJ	
ALLEN	OTP	MIN	

SUMMARY

The bill would have required automotive dealers to use the phrase "additional dealer markup" if they indicated a dealer markup on a sticker on a new car.