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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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Business Development and the Department of Labor would monitor the implementation of these programs to determine their impact upon the State's economy and labor supply. These agencies would report their findings annually before February 1st to the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development.

The bill was amended to create a substantially new document. The amendment proposed to provide medicaid to AFDC recipients and SSI recipients, including elderly persons and disabled persons eligible for medicaid assistance who obtain employment, the earnings from which are 199% or less of the poverty level.

For the first 12 months, recipients with an income of less than 150% of the poverty level would not pay any premiums or any portions of premiums. People with incomes of 150% to 199% of the poverty level would pay from 1% to 5% of their gross monthly income toward monthly premium payments.

For the next 6 months, recipients with an income of less than 100% of the poverty level would not pay any premiums or portions of premiums. Persons with incomes of 100% to 149% would pay from 1% to 5% of their gross monthly income as monthly premium payments. Persons with incomes of 150% or more of the poverty level would be ineligible for medicaid assistance for this period.

The benefits would begin as soon as AFDC and SSI cash assistance to recipients is terminated. For recipients with employment earnings of 149% or less of poverty; the benefits would extend for 18 months, including the 4 and 5 month extension depending upon income, allowed under existing law. For recipients with an income of 150% to 199% of the poverty level, the benefits would be extended for 12 months from the date that cash assistance is terminated.

LD 2364 An Act to Enable Additional Agencies to Participate under the Finance Authority of Maine Loan Program INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KANY	OTP-AM	MAJ	S-400 MAJ REP
CARTER	ONTP	MIN	
PRIEST			
LACROIX			

SUMMARY

LD 2364 proposed to replace the community action agencies with community development corporations as the "intake" agencies for the Maine Job Start Program. The bill was amended to allow community action agencies or regional planning commissions to serve as intake agencies for job start loans. The Committee Amendment authorizes 3 additional regions to be incorporated in the program, and provides \$150,000 to be used for job start loans.

The job start program provides loans, not exceeding \$10,000 to low income, small business start up or expansions. The program has been limited to 3 regions; Aroostook County, Washington-Hancock County region, and the Oxford-Androscoggin region. As of December 31, 1987, the job start program had provided a total of 57 loans amounting roughly to \$585,000 to 49 businesses. A total of 47 loan applications totalling \$400,000 have been withdrawn or rejected.