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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::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*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      Resolve, to Provide Beatrice Adams of Gardiner Spousal      LV/WD  
2221 Benefits Based on her Former Husband's Maine State  
Retirement System Benefits

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
REEVES DOW DELLERT	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill would have provided a special retirement benefit to Beatrice Adams.

LD      An Act to Provide for Payment of Contributions by Employers      ND 2595  
2299 Under the Maine State Retirement System

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DOW TWITCHELL MAYO HICKEY	OTP-ND	

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD    2595

LD      An Act to Eliminate the Requirement that the Deputy Adjutant      PUBLIC  
2369 General and the Director of the Military Bureau be the Same      634  
Individual

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PARADIS E PERKINS PRIEST DUTREMBLE L	OTP	

SUMMARY

The bill removes the requirement that the Deputy Adjutant General serve as the Director of the Military Bureau. This provides greater flexibility to the Adjutant General in filling these positions. These positions may be either filled by a part-time or a full-time employee.

**LD**      An Act to Make Changes in the Administration of the Maine      PUBLIC  
**2417** State Retirement System (Reported Pursuant to Public Law      715  
1987, Chapter 68, section 9)

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	H-592 S-407    USHER

SUMMARY

The original bill added two associate directors and allowed the Board of Trustees to set the salaries for these two positions and the position of

director. It also gave the Governor the authority to appoint a third member to the board of trustees qualified by experience in the field of investments and removed the trustee appointed by the other members of the board.

The amendment repealed and replaced the bill. It raised the directors salary one pay range and added a position of deputy director. It made the member now appointed by the board into a Governor's appointment but retained the stipulation that the individual be a representative of retired state or participating district employees.

LD      An Act to Provide a Special Exemption to Bangor Pre-Release      PUBLIC  
2437    Center Employees for Service Retirement Benefits                      670

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PERKINS BALDACCI GARLAND	OTP		

SUMMARY

The transfer of the Bangor Pre-Release Center from the Maine State Prison to the Charleston Correctional Facility changed the retirement benefits to which the employees of the Center were entitled. This bill grandfathers the present employees of the Center.

LD      An Act to Establish Disability Retirement Benefits for                      LV/WD  
2478    Members of the Maine State Retirement System (Reported                      EMERGENCY  
Pursuant to Public Law 1987, Chapter 68, Section 9)

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	LV/WD		

SUMMARY

The bill would have revised the disability pension and rehabilitation provisions under the Retirement System. The System withdrew the bill and plans to work with constituent groups and come in with a revised bill in the future.

LD      An Act to Clarify the Definition of Earnable Compensation                      INDEF PP  
2502

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DELLERT	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-624    MAJ REP
	ONTP	MIN	S-420    CLARK
			H-686    CARTER
			S-445    BERUBE

SUMMARY

The bill would have changed the definition of earnable compensation particularly as it applied to teachers. It would have clearly eliminated various extra salary bonuses a teacher may be given at the end of their