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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 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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career. These amounts are presently excluded by standing Retirement System practice and by rules adopted last year. The rules are presently being challenged in court.

The committee amendment would have eliminated one provision of the bill restricting salary increases, for computing compensation for retirement purposes, to 10%. Senate Amendment A (S-420) would have allowed all payments received pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement in effect prior to September 1, 1988 to be included as salary. The House amendment (H-686) did the same thing but added an appropriation. Senate Amendment B (S-445) added an effective date of July 31, 1988 to the original bill.

**LD** An Act to Revise the Definition of Spouse Under the Maine **PUBLIC**  
**2511** State Retirement System **652**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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SUMMARY  
New Draft Of LD 2179

The original bill changed the definition of spouse in the Retirement System Laws to include the individual a member was married to at the time of retirement. The new draft applied the definition members who were under special plans and eligible for a special survivor's benefit for their spouses. It also made it clear that if the member had remarried, a members spouse was the individual the member was married to at the time of death.

**LD** An Act to Ensure the Complete Payment of Health Insurance **INDEF PP**  
**2535** Premiums for Teachers over a Certain Age

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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SUMMARY  
New Draft Of LD 2040

The intent of both the original bill and the new draft was to pay 100% of a retired teachers health insurance if the teacher was over 70 years of age, had 25 years of creditable service, and was a Maine resident. The new draft capped the state payment at the amount of the Medicare companion plan for retired teachers.