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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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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DOW TWITCHELL MAYO HICKEY		H-627 HICKEY

SUMMARY  
New Draft Of LD 2299

Both the original draft and the new draft made changes in the statutes so that employees' contributions to the retirement system could be treated as tax deferred earnings for the purpose of federal and state income taxes. The new draft added special provisions for executive branch and legislative branch employees who had the option of either receiving a 5% salary differential if they did not join the Retirement System or a 4.5% reduction in salary if they had chosen to participate in a previous plan whereby the state paid the employees contribution to the Retirement System. The new draft also made the tax deferral only applicable to federal tax. Employee contributions would still be subject to state tax. The house amendment added a provision to make it clear that state tax would not be collected on the employees contribution when they were paid out as retirement benefits.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HOLT DELLERT LISNIK PRAY		H-690 HICKEY S-532 PEARSON

SUMMARY  
New Draft Of LD 2214

The original bill would have established the Maine Agent Orange Information Commission as a independent commission. The commission would have assembled information on the effects of agent orange, establish a registry and health information on Vietnam soldiers, and provided outreach services to veterans.

The new draft made the commission into a legislative study commission. It added World War II era veterans exposed to radiation, referred to as atomic veterans. It also limited the commission's work to collecting information, establishing a register, developing a health information form, and examining how well existing services meet the needs of veterans. The commission is to report first session of the 114th Legislature as to whether the registry should be made an ongoing function of state government and how social services to affected veterans could be improved.

The amendments to the new draft changed the commission's name to the Maine Information Commission on Agent Orange and Radiation. They also reduced the number of commission members and changed the distribution of appointments between the Governor and the Legislature. Finally, they changed the reporting date to December 1, 1988.

LD      An Act Relating to Stockholder Initiatives on State  
2628      Investments in Northern Ireland

PUBLIC  
743

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

KERRY  
BRANNIGAN  
CONLEY  
CURRAN

SUMMARY

The bill was submitted by the Governor as an alternative to the original bill requiring divestiture from companies doing business in Northern Ireland. It retained the principles, as amended, in the original bill but did not call them the MacBride principles. The bill requires the Board of Trustees, when within the prudent man standards, to initiate or support stockholder initiatives requiring adherence by the corporation to the standards set forth in the bill.