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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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## Joint Select Committee on Corrections

LD 43      An Act Relating to the Maine Correctional Advisory  
Commission (Reported Pursuant to Joint Order, SP16)

CARRY OVER

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM      MAJ	S-52      MAJ REP
	ONTP      MIN	S-58      BUSTIN

### SUMMARY

In its final report on Maine's corrections system (February, 1989), the committee recommended this legislation to ensure continuation of its work and to create a forum for ongoing dialogue between the community, Legislature, judiciary and the Department of Corrections. This bill replaces the existing advisory commission with a larger commission, a broader study mandate and staff resources to carry out its responsibilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-52), provides for legislative per diem for commission members who are legislators, increases the representation of juvenile corrections service providers, includes the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) as a participant in the commission's work; and adds monitoring of juvenile corrections policy to the commission's duties.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-58) is a technical amendment to correct a reference error in the committee amendment.

This bill was not funded and the committee has carried over the bill.

**LD 45**      **Resolve, to Request the Department of Corrections to  
Undertake a Probation Systems Management Study (Reported  
Pursuant to Joint Order, SP16)**

**RESOLVE 21  
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	S-120

### SUMMARY

This resolve provides an appropriation to the Department of Corrections so it may enter into a contractual agreement to undertake a comprehensive study of its probation system. The resolve came out of the committee's 1988 study of Maine's corrections system (final report, February 1989).

During the work sessions, the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) agreed to provide technical assistance to the Department of Corrections for part of the study. The Department assured the committee that the rest of it could be done internally.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the comprehensive study language and appropriation included in the original bill with a resolve requesting the Department to undertake a less comprehensive study. The issues listed for review in this amendment are all recommended for study within the committee's final report, but do not cover as broad a scope as the original bill. They are all issues that the Department assured the committee could be reviewed internally and with the assistance of NIC.