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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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

Joint Standing Committee on Aging, Retirement & Veterans

LD 33 An Act to Provide Assistance to Vietnam Veterans and Atomic Veterans and to Establish the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans (Reported Pursuant to P & S Laws of 1987, Chapter 129)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-235

H-365 HICKEY

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the duty and the capacity within the Bureau of Veterans' Services to provide information to Vietnam veterans on the effects of Agent Orange and how to apply for benefits from the United States Veterans Administration. The bill also provides money for the Director of Veterans' Services to attend the National Conference of State Agent Orange Programs and for the State Toxicologist to attend the annual Conference on Dioxin.

Committee Amendment "A" amends the description of the new duties assigned to the Bureau of Veterans' Services. It creates the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans in this bill rather than doing so in a separate bill (LD 55) as originally proposed. It amends the title to "AN ACT to Provide Assistance to Vietnam Veterans and Atomic Veterans and to Establish the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans" in order to reflect these changes.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" corrects a technical error in the committee amendment.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" removes the legislative members and the member from Togus Hospital in order to make it legally permissible for the committee to perform its responsibilities.

LD 55 Resolve, Reestablishing the Maine Information Commission on Agent Orange and Radiation (Reported Pursuant to P & S Laws of 1987, Chapter 129)

LV/WD
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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The Maine Information Commission on Agent Orange and Radiation was established by Private and Special Law 1987, chapter 129. That Act was repealed by its own terms on January 15, 1989. This resolve reestablishes the commission to conduct a survey of the health status and health and social service utilization patterns and needs of Vietnam and atomic veterans. It will also develop and disseminate a pamphlet on the health effects of Agent Orange and the services available to veterans.