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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.

LD 89 An Act to Save Medicaid Funds by Expanding the Ability of
the Department of Human Services to Recover Funds from Prior
Owners of Boarding and Nursing Homes

PUBLIC 34
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RANDALL BERUBE FOSTER	OTP-AM	S-21

SUMMARY

This bill enables the Department of Human Services to collect debts that are incurred by previous owners of boarding and nursing homes. Once these facilities are sold the Department cannot easily recover debts. This bill enables the Department to collect those debts in the future from the persons to whom the facilities are transferred.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-21) adds a paragraph whereby the transferee is liable for debts owed to the department by the former provider unless certain steps have been taken to file interim cost reports or create an escrow account. It also allows any person who may be affected by the liability section to request the department to identify debts owed by the facility and requires the department to provide written notice of these statutory requirements to the transferee.

LD 100 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Name of the Division
of Eye Care

PUBLIC 14

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GILL GAUVREAU DELLERT FARNSWORTH	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill changes the name of the Division of Eye Care of the Bureau of Rehabilitation to the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

LD 103 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Food Services Operated by
the Blind in Public Buildings

PUBLIC 44

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DELLERT GILL GAUVREAU FARNSWORTH	OTP-AM	H-33

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the authority of the Division of Eye Care with regard to vending facilities, including vending machines, operated by blind or visually impaired persons. The Committee Amendment (H-33) clarifies that the Division's authority extends to the cafeteria in the State Office Building in Augusta.