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EDUCATION**

**JULY 1989**

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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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SPONSOR(S)HANDY  
BOST  
KETOVER  
CLARK MCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-44

SUMMARY

The bill proposed an amendment to the foreign language provisions of the high school curriculum laws to allow high schools to offer Braille and Nemeth Code (mathematics) courses for foreign language credit. Current law permits foreign language credit to be given for American sign language.

The committee amendment replaced the bill with language permitting elementary and secondary schools to offer Braille and Nemeth Code courses as part of their curriculum (not just as a foreign language) and to determine what credit will be given for the course.

LD 163 An Act to Grant Rulemaking Authority to the Maine Arts  
Commission

PUBLIC 33

SPONSOR(S)GILL  
FOSTER  
O'GARA  
NORTONCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill gives the Maine Arts Commission the authority to adopt rules to implement the law administered by the Commission, including the competitive grant program.

**LD 166** An Act to Prohibit Certain Student Loan Fees

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)BOST  
ESTES  
CROWLEY  
O'DEACOMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited the state from collecting a guarantee or administrative fee on Guaranteed Student Loans. A general fund appropriation was included in the bill to compensate for the revenue that would have been lost.