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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.

An Act to Prohibit the Establishment of Maximum Limit Reimbursement for Adjustments to the Prospective Rate for Nursing Staff Wages

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BOUTILIER CARROLL D MCGOWAN BUSTIN	OTP-AM	H-436

SUMMARY

This bill would provide that the Department of Human Services may not establish a maximum limit on reimbursement for adjustments to the prospective rate for nursing staff wages. The Committee Amendment (H-436) adds an appropriation.

LD 222 An Act Concerning Public Assistance Eligibility

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HOLT LISNIK PEARSON PARADIS E	OTP-AM	H-39

SUMMARY

This bill ensures that any money received as a result of a successful Agent Orange claim or settlement will not be used to reduce the amount of public assistance received by an individual.

The Committee Amendment "A" (H-39) adds a fiscal note to the bill indicating that the costs of implementing this legislation cannot be determined at this time because federal legislation is pending which would allow the exclusion of Agent Orange award money in determining eligibility for assistance. It also defines Agent Orange and adds an emergency preamble.

LD 236 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Disposition of the Bodies of Persons Who Die in State Correctional Facilities

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
STROUT B MELENDY RANDALL MATTHEWS	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Department of Corrections to pay for the expense of burial if a prisoner in a correctional facility dies and the body is not claimed by a family member or next of kin. It also allows the Department to pay for the expenses if the prisoner's family or next of kin claim the body but cannot afford to pay for the burial.