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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.

SPONSOR(S)HUGLUND  
MELENDY  
CROWLEY  
BURKECOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-139

SUMMARY

The bill extended all child support orders in divorce cases until the end of the school year if the child turned 18 during the senior year of high school.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-139) replaced the text of the bill. In essence, it extends the obligation of support beyond the child's 18th birthday if the child is then attending high school, until the child graduates, withdraws or is expelled. It applies to all parents except those whose divorces were ordered before January 1, 1990.

**LD 210** An Act Concerning the Use of Deadly Force by Correctional  
Officers and Law Enforcement Officers**PUBLIC 18**  
**EMERGENCY**SPONSOR(S)PERKINS  
BUSTIN  
MAYO  
MARSHCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-19

SUMMARY

The bill authorized a corrections officer to use deadly force against a person confined in a maximum security facility if necessary to prevent escape.

Committee Amendment "A" replaced the text of the bill. It authorizes the use of deadly force to prevent an escape from the Maine State Prison or the new facility being built in Warren, but only after the corrections officer has made reasonable efforts to advise the escapee that deadly force will be used. It applies only to law enforcement and corrections officers employed by the State.

**LD 232** An Act to Grant the Power of Equitable Jurisdiction to the  
Maine District Court**PUBLIC 392**SPONSOR(S)MARSANO  
CONLEY  
HASTINGSCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-508

SUMMARY

The bill would have given the District Court the same equitable jurisdiction as the Superior Court.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-508) gives the District Court equitable jurisdiction in specific areas. A Legislative Council-approved study will examine all trial court jurisdiction.