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ON
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-200

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits smoking in enclosed areas on ferries. The Committee Amendment (H-200) restricts the application of the bill to enclosed areas "in which the public is allowed." It also provides a \$100 fine for the person smoking and a ferry operator who does not post "no smoking" signs in appropriate locations.

LD 264 An Act to Amend the Interpreter Service for the Hearing Impaired

PUBLIC 36

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the maximum hourly rate for interpreter services for the deaf and hearing impaired.

LD 276 An Act to Provide a Special Adjustment for Border Hospitals Experiencing Economic Hardship

PUBLIC 494
EMERGENCY

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-598

SUMMARY

The original bill would have permitted the York Hospital to be essentially exempt from regulation by the Maine Health Care Finance Commission. The Committee Amendment (H-598) permits the Commission to make a special adjustment to the extent that a border hospital acted reasonably and necessarily in incurring extraordinary costs in response to unique circumstances affecting border hospitals.

LD 299 An Act Pertaining to Breast Cancer Treatment

PUBLIC 291

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-341 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a method of ensuring that persons with breast cancer receive information necessary