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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.

The Committee Amendment requires the Department of Human Services to develop a plan with goals and objectives of a training program to meet the specific needs of social workers and case workers based on the different responsibilities of these social workers. The department will report to the Committee on State and Local Government no later than January 3, 1990, with respect to the status and contents of the plan.

**LD 344      An Act to Provide More Legislative Oversight of Agency  
Rulemaking**

**ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 344 proposed that state agencies provide proposed agency rules along with fact sheets to the director of the legislative office which reviews proposed agency rules. The director would review each rule with respect to:

- A. Clarity;
- B. Sufficient statutory justification of the rule;
- C. Sufficient statutory standards for the rule;
- D. The extent to which and how well the proposed rules achieve the purpose for which they are proposed.

Following the review of a proposed rule, the director of the legislative office on rules would send a copy of the director's comments and recommendations to the agency proposing the rule and to each member of the committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the proposed rules.

The Committee agreed to consider the contents of LD 344 in conjunction with its consideration of a more comprehensive bill concerned with rulemaking.

**LD 345      An Act to Amend the Composition of Senate District 8 and  
Senate District 15**

**LV/WD**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 345 proposed to remove the Town of Peru from Senate District 15 and place it in Senate District 8. See comments for LD 310.