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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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LD 357 An Act to Provide Continuity in the Retirement Laws

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

ROLDE

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill broadens the eligibility requirements for the 15% state payment of retired teacher group health insurance to include dependents of eligible participants if those dependents have at least 10 years of creditable service as teachers and receive retirement benefits from the Maine State Retirement System.

LD 375 An Act to Provide that Medical Information in the Files of the Maine State Retirement System is not Public Information

PUBLIC 76

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

DAGGETT

OTP-AM

H-42

TITCOMB

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the Maine State Retirement System treat medical information of any kind that is in its possession as confidential information

Committee Amendment "A" assures that an employee can have access to any medical information pertaining to the employee. It also authorizes access by the employer for claims relating to workers' compensation or other benefits, while preserving the confidentiality of the information, except when involved in proceedings regarding these claims.

LD 414 An Act to Establish a Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Fund

CARRY OVER

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MITCHELL

CLARK N

GILL

BUSTIN

SUMMARY

This bill provides a pension system and death and disability benefits for volunteer firefighters.

LD 426 An Act to Provide for Division of Omitted Marital Property

PUBLIC 150

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MELENDY

OTP-AM

H-119 HICKEY

ALLEN

H-152 ANTHONY

CROWLEY

HOLLOWAY

SUMMARY

In 1983, the United States Congress gave states the right to allocate a portion of a person's military retirement to that person's spouse upon a divorce. There was, however, no provision for persons divorced before 1983. This bill allows persons divorced from members of the Armed Forces before 1983 to bring a court action for partition of the member's retirement benefits.