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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-333

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the law that decriminalizes the possession of marijuana and would have reimposed criminal sanctions for its possession.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-333) retitled the bill and replaced the text. It increases the civil forfeiture for the civil violation of possession of a "useable amount," reduces the amount which allows a presumption of furnishing from 1 1/2 ounces to 1 1/4 ounces, and reduces the amount which allows a presumption of trafficking from 1,000 pounds to 20 pounds.

LD 416 An Act to Provide a Mandatory Jail Term to Persons Who Have Committed Murder but Have Been Acquitted by Reason of Insanity

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have eliminated the insanity defense from the Maine Criminal Code and established the verdict of guilty, but suffering from mental disease or defect.

LD 417 An Act to Amend the Medical Health Security Act to Include Podiatrists and Dentists

PUBLIC 74

SPONSOR(S)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-26

SUMMARY

This bill includes podiatrists in the laws regarding immunity from civil liability for volunteer services and informed consent to health care by physicians.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-26) includes dentists as well.