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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.

LD 430 An Act to Allow Health Care Practitioners to Report Burn
Injuries Requiring Medical Attention to the Office of the
State Fire Marshal

PUBLIC 267

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	S-145
HOLLOWAY		
MITCHELL		
AULT		

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a licensed physician who treats or examines a person with a burn injury affecting 5% or more of the victim's body to report that burn injury to the State Fire Marshal's Office. Failure to make this report is a Class E crime.

Committee Amendment "A" allows but does not require medical personnel to report burn injuries. The amendment provides those who did report, on suspicion of arson, with immunity from civil liability and allows them to testify as to their reports in court, evidentiary privileges notwithstanding.

LD 435 An Act Requiring Positive Identification for Liquor Sales

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MACBRIDE	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill deals with penalties for furnishing liquor to a minor. The bill requires retail licensees and their agents to refuse to serve liquor to a person who, at the licensee's or agent's request, failed to present suitable proof of age.

The bill also makes sale of liquor to a minor, in addition to furnishing liquor to a minor, a Class E crime chargeable against both the agent and the retail licensee.

LD 448 An Act to Limit Legislative Campaign Spending

ONTP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HANLEY	ONTP	
HEPBURN		
MCCORMICK		

SUMMARY

This bill proposes to limit the amount of money a candidate for State Senator or Representative may spend for media coverage in connection with that candidate's political campaign. The bill applies to expenditures for newspaper, radio and television ads. The bill sets a \$5000 limit for spending in races for Senate seats and a \$2000 limit for races for House seats.