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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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD 420 An Act to Confiscate Assets Garnered by Convicted Felons LV/WD
Through Criminal Acts

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

SUMMARY

The bill would have restricted criminals from prospering financially from crime through movies, books or other forms of entertainment which recreate the story of the crime. Victims would be eligible to receive the proceeds in satisfaction of civil judgments against the criminals.

LD 425 An Act to Strengthen Grandparent Visitation Rights (BY REQUEST) LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
NORTON	LV/WD	
MCSWEENEY		
AULT		
CLARK N		

SUMMARY

The bill would have required the court to award to the grandparents reasonable rights of contact with minor children in divorce or separation proceedings. See also LD 1447.

LD 452 An Act to Amend the Law Relating to Obstruction of Public Ways LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GURNEY	LV/WD	
O'GARA		

SUMMARY

The bill would have removed the requirement that a law enforcement officer warn someone obstructing a public way before making an arrest.

LD 455 An Act to Ensure Parental Notice of Harassment Orders Served on Minors LV/WD

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have required law enforcement officers to provide notice to the parents of a minor when that minor is forbidden to engage in conduct which is considered harassment.