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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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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PARADIS P	OTP	

SUMMARY

The bill amends the definition of the crime of "theft of services" to specifically include cable television services.

LD 498 An Act Regarding the Liability of Marine Pilots LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
TOWNSEND CROWLEY RAND	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The bill would have limited the liability of a licensed marine pilot to \$5,000 for damages or loss arising out of the acts or omissions occasioned by the pilot's error, fault or negligence in the performance of pilotage services.

LD 504 An Act Relating to Civil Penal Damages to be Awarded in Cases of Unlawful Discrimination PUBLIC 99

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PARADIS P CONLEY FARNSWORTH HOBBINS	OTP	

SUMMARY

The bill raises the amount of civil penal damages the Superior Court may order a defendant to pay to the victim of unlawful discrimination. It also provides that the court may award a civil penalty against a defendant when the Maine Human Rights Commission, rather than a private individual, files the original charge of discrimination.

LD 520 An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the District Courts to Include Violations within Municipal Harbors and to Impose the Same Penalties for Harbor Violations that Have Been Created for Land Use Violations PUBLIC 287

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MITCHELL ADAMS ANTHONY WENTWORTH	OTP-AM	H-269 H-290 TAMMARO

SUMMARY

The bill gives harbor masters, or code enforcement officers serving as harbor masters, the same enforcement power that exists in relation to land use violations.