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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.

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-99) does the same as Senate Amendment "A" except it does not delete the nonseverability clause. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-339) would limit court proceedings to Probate Court only. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-424) amends the appropriation section.

**LD 623 An Act to Amend the Public Drinking Law to Remove the Warning Requirement LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) CURRAN TUPPER COTE DILLENBACK  
COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD  
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY  
The bill would have removed the warning from the public drinking law.

**LD 627 An Act Relating to Computer Access CARRY OVER**

SPONSOR(S) PARADIS E GARLAND ALLEN BALDACCI  
COMMITTEE REPORT  
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY  
The bill would establish a comprehensive set of laws prohibiting certain types of computer-related crimes and providing penalties. The bill is similar to bills introduced in past sessions. The Criminal Law Advisory Commission and interested parties will recommend language to the 2nd Regular Session.

**LD 641 An Act to Implement Civil Penalties for Passing Worthless Instruments PUBLIC 357**

SPONSOR(S) WEYMOUTH DELLERT PARADIS P  
COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM  
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED S-172

SUMMARY  
The bill awards a successful plaintiff in a bad check (or other worthless paper) case the value of the instrument plus the costs of collecting that amount.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-172) includes processing charges in the list of charges that the drawer must pay. It also allows written agreements to supersede these provisions.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-260) clarifies when attorney's fees may be awarded.