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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Department of the Secretary of State, Division of Motor Vehicles, to revoke or deny the issuance of a driver's license to a high school dropout. The bill would have required the presentation of a certificate of graduation or documentation of satisfactory enrollment in a secondary school from a state-approved institution at the time of application for a driver's license for any person under the age of 18.

It was pointed out that current law allows a parent to have a child's license or permit suspended. The committee felt that wider use of existing law would be preferable to the approach of the bill. The DMV agreed to revise their forms and manuals to make parents and young drivers more aware of the provisions of the law, and the Maine Secondary School Principals Association agreed to use their publications to inform school administrators of those provisions.

LD 666 An Act Concerning Teacher Employment

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-163  
H-298 CROWLEY

SUMMARY

This bill would have required a school board to decide whether or not to renew a 1st year teacher's contract at least 3 months before the expiration of the contract and a 2nd year teacher's contract at least 6 months before the expiration date. Failure to act within that time frame would result in automatic renewal of the contract, in effect establishing a continuing contract situation for 2nd year teachers.

The committee amendment provides a for 90 day notice to 1st and 2nd year teachers on whether or not they will be nominated for another contract. The amendment also provides for a decision by the commissioner on whether a unit has failed to comply with the notice requirements and a monetary penalty to be paid to the teacher if it has not.

The House amendment which was adopted (H-298) requires that the notice be provided to teachers prior to May 15th.