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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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regional commander positions within BIDE to coordinate its activities. The regional commanders receive the same pay as State Police lieutenants. The regional commanders are given the same law enforcement authority as sheriffs within their respective counties and the same assistance from BIDE legal counsel as afforded drug task force supervisors. Task force supervisors report directly to the regional commander in their region.

The bill also allows BIDE to hire persons qualified but not currently employed as law enforcement officers.

Committee Amendment "A" allows BIDE to employ an experienced and trained law enforcement officer as investigative agent even though that person is not currently employed as a law enforcement officer.

LD 665 **An Act to Provide More Equitable Treatment of Manufactured Housing** **ONTP**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JACQUES WENTWORTH	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law governing municipal regulation of manufactured housing. The bill deals with two principal issues: design requirements and location.

The bill requires municipalities to permit manufactured homes that meet local design requirements, and either the HUD Code or local safety standards, to be located in all areas where single family dwellings are allowed. The bill allows municipalities to prohibit relocation of manufactured homes that fail to meet applicable design requirements to areas where those non-conforming homes would be aesthetically incompatible.

The bill also prohibits municipalities from imposing greater requirements for parking space, buffer areas, open space, lot setbacks, or screening areas than are required for other residential developments.

LD 670 **An Act to Amend the Lobbyist Reporting Law** **PUBLIC 114**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MARTIN J PRIEST	OTP	

SUMMARY

The bill provides that, when the Legislature is in special session, registered lobbyists are not required to pay fines for not reporting after the session if they engaged in no lobbying activities during the special session.