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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.

LD 747 **Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Level of
Services for Maine's Elderly Citizens**

**RESOLVE 58
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GRAHAM	OTP-AM MAJ	H-183 MAJ REP
PEDERSON	OTP-AM MIN	H-215 MANNING
AULT		S-417 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a commission to study services to elderly persons including long term care, health care financing, mental health services, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income, transportation programs, tax and rent refunds and the elderly low-cost drug program.

See also LD 691.

**LD 749 An Act to Protect the Identity of Complainants Concerning
Health Care Facilities and Providers and Certain Financial
Information for the Maine Managed Care Insurance Plan
Demonstration**

PUBLIC 175

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HEPBURN	OTP-AM	H-172
WEYMOUTH		
CLARK N		

SUMMARY

This bill provides for the confidentiality of certain records of the Department of Human Services identifying persons who complain to the Department about licensed facilities, identifying recipients of services of the Department or identifying applicants or participants in the Maine Managed Care Insurance Plan Demonstration.

**LD 793 An Act to Make the Department of Mental Health and Mental
Retardation Responsible for the Burial Expenses of State
Wards**

PUBLIC 117

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
WHITMORE	OTP-AM	S-46
PEARSON		
AIKMAN		
CARROLL D		

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to assume responsibility for the burial expenses of persons who die while they are wards of the bureau. The Committee Amendment (S-46) permits the use of funds of the ward that are available to pay the costs of burial.