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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

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-54

SUMMARY

This bill assigns responsibility for the State's motor fuel pump-top price sign law to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures, as well as creating penalties for failure to post the signs as required by law. The bill also corrects a technical error in current law regarding the assignment of section numbers.

Committee Amendment "A" adds a fiscal note which indicates that all costs occasioned by the bill can be absorbed by the departments involved.

LD 788 An Act to Strengthen the Licensing Requirements for Foresters

PUBLIC 142

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REED

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-114

SUMMARY

This bill establishes new requirements for the licensure of professional foresters. A 2-year internship approved by the State Board of Licensure for Professional Foresters will be required for licensure beginning in 1990. Passage of a written or oral exam will be required beginning in 1991.

Committee Amendment "A" states that interns need only work under the guidance, not the personal supervision, of a licensed forester.

LD 825 An Act Relating to the Sale of Fraternal Life Benefit Certificates and Life Insurance by Funeral Directors and Cemetery Corporations

PUBLIC 206

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, state law prohibits life insurers from owning funeral establishments. This bill places the same restrictions on arrangements between insurers and cemeteries and crematories.

This bill also subjects fraternal benefit societies to the same restrictions concerning arrangements with funeral homes which now apply to commercial insurers.