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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

Committee Amendment "A" provides that the withdrawal deadlines established in the bill do not apply to candidates who die or withdraw due to debilitating illness before the general election. The amendment also provides that the Secretary of State must prepare a new ballot if a candidate withdraws or is withdrawn due to death or debilitating illness.

House Amendment "A" clarifies that the 3rd Monday in August replacement deadline does not apply in regard to replacement of candidates who withdraw or are withdrawn due to death or debilitating illness. The amendment provides for party replacement of these candidates as soon as practicable.

Senate Amendment "A" incorporates the text of House Amendment "A" but changes the deadline for replacement from the 3rd Monday in August to the 2nd Monday in September.

LD 760 An Act to Permit Property Managers to Appear on Behalf of ONTP
Owners of Residential Dwelling Units

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PARADIS P	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill permits a property manager, with the approval of the landlord who hired that property manager, to represent the landlord in court on small claims matters and eviction proceedings.

LD 781 An Act to Impose Spending Limits on Legislative Campaigns ONTP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MILLS	ONTP	
NADEAU G R		
MITCHELL		
ERWIN E		

SUMMARY

This bill establishes campaign spending caps on State legislative races. A candidates for State Senator may spend \$30,000, a candidate for State Representative \$8,000.

LD 796 An Act to Remove the Present Dollar Limit on Funeral, PUBLIC 188
Cremation and Burial Expenses Relative to Restitution by
Criminal Offenders

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HOBBINS	OTP-AM	S-95
GAUVREAU		
PARADIS P		
CONLEY		

SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of "allowable expenses" recoverable as restitution from a convict. The bill replaces the present dollar limit relative to funeral, cremation and burial expenses with a reasonableness standard, i.e. a judge could order restitution of reasonable funeral-related expenses.