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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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**JULY 1989**

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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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which plan to construct, new jails or jail expansions, this results in an increased burden on the property tax because some portion of those jails will be used to detain Class A, B or C prisoners.

This bill would have provided full reimbursement by taking these capital expenditures out of the calculation of the daily prisoner reimbursement rate and placing them in a separate subsection of the law.

The basic proposal of this bill was included in the committee amendment to LD 723.

**LD 827      An Act to Authorize the Department of Corrections to  
Establish a Solid Waste Recycling Program**

**PUBLIC 587**

SPONSOR(S)

CARTER  
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KANY

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-86      BUSTIN

SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Corrections to examine the feasibility of establishing recycling facilities, employing inmates, which could recycle waste generated by correctional facilities and by municipalities or private businesses in the vicinity of correctional facilities.

Senate Amendment "A" requests the commissioner to conduct the study together with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Waste Recycling and Reduction. It also adds the Joint Select Committee on Corrections to the list of committees to report to by January 1, 1990.

**LD 875      An Act Concerning the Permitted Uses of Funds Received by  
Counties as Reimbursement for Housing Certain Prisoners**

**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)

ALLEN  
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BUSTIN  
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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Present law restricts the use of funds paid to counties for state prisoners placed in county facilities under the provisions that state prisoners serving less than 9 months can be placed in county jails. The restriction requires that the funds be used for maintaining and developing community based corrections programs. The proposal in this bill would have allowed the counties to use the funds for the more general purpose of supporting prisoners in the county. This concept was included in the committee's amendment to LD 723 with the added amendment that 10% of the funds be used for community corrections in 1991 and that this percent should increase by 10% each year until it reaches 50% in 1995.