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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

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

(Originally referred to Energy and Natural Resources Committee.) The bill would require the owner or operator of an air contamination source to notify the public when claims can be made for damage caused by the contamination.

LD 935 An Act to Promote the Best Interests of the Child in Divorce
Proceedings

LV/WD

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ROLDE

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill would allow the court to appoint an advocate to represent the best interests of a child in proceedings allocating parental rights and responsibilities.

LD 967 An Act to Establish State Guidelines for Child Support
Awards**PUBLIC 365**
EMERGENCYSPONSOR(S)

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RIDLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-349

H-499 PARADIS P

SUMMARY

The bill required the Judiciary and the Department of Human Services to adopt child support guidelines in compliance with the federal law.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-349) replaced the text of the bill. It adds an emergency preamble and clause, and revises the criteria. It also requires the Court, DHS, the Family Law Section of MSBA and Pine Tree Legal Assistance to meet and develop criteria that both the Judiciary and DHS can use.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-226) would have required that the support guidelines take into account the relative periods of time which a child spends with each parent and the consequential financial burdens. (Not adopted)

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-499) requires that the Judiciary's rules include consideration of the relative time a child spends with each parent.