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ON  
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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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MANNING	OTP-AM	H-190
BURKE		S-177 CLARK N
COLLINS		
TWITCHELL		

SUMMARY

This bill requires the establishment of a smoking policy in enclosed common areas of shopping malls. The policy must provide for smoking in designated areas only and the posting of notices in all nonsmoking areas. It also provides that in areas where food or beverages are served the law relating to smoking in restaurants applies.

**LD 1060** An Act to Strengthen the Maine Radiation Control Program **CARRY OVER**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HOLT		
TITCOMB		
KILKELLY		
HOLLOWAY		

SUMMARY

This bill would require operators of nuclear power plants to use and maintain 2 strip chart recorders to record levels of radiation at various points throughout the plants. Under this bill, the State Nuclear Safety Inspector must monitor the use of these recorders daily. Records generated by the recorders must be made available to the public and kept for at least 2 years at the Office of Nuclear Safety during regular business hours.

This bill was carried over to the next session.

**LD 1065** An Act To Provide the Reasonable Costs of Wages Paid to Employees of Long-term Care Facilities and Nursing Homes **INDEF. PP  
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MARTIN J		
PERKINS		
CARROLL D		
LISNIK		

SUMMARY

This bill would direct the Department of Human Services to increase the Medicaid payment rate to long-term care facilities to reflect the facilities' actual costs, measured on January 1, 1989, for wages and benefits. If a facility can demonstrate that its costs for wages and benefits on January 1, 1989, does not accurately reflect market conditions, the department is authorized to provide additional increases.

This bill would also require that the department and each long-term care facility share equally any costs for wages and benefits in excess of the amount of reimbursement for wages and benefits. In addition, it would direct the department to remove the optional Medicare cap on a facility's routine service costs.