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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

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill makes several changes to the procedures established for the medical malpractice pre-litigation screening panels established in 1986, including procedures for discovery requests, confidentiality, resolution of defenses by the Superior Court and the standard of proof.

LD 1046 An Act to Reduce the Quantities of Cocaine and Heroin
Necessary to Allow a Presumption of Trafficking

PUBLIC 336

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-183

SUMMARY

The bill decreases the amount of cocaine and heroin possessed to allow a presumption of trafficking to 14 grams or more of cocaine and 4 grams or more of heroin.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-183) makes a technical correction.

LD 1061 An Act to Increase the Penalties for Repeat Violations of
the Prostitution Laws

PUBLIC 431

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-338
S-259 HOBBINS

SUMMARY

The bill would increase the sentencing class for 3rd and subsequent prostitution-related offenses to a Class C crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-338) replaced the text of the bill. It makes aggravated promotion of prostitution a Class B crime, and increases the class of crime for 2nd and subsequent convictions of prostitution and engaging a prostitute to Class D crimes.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-259) deletes unnecessary language concerning the date of the offense.