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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.

LD 1063

An Act to Provide Guidelines for Conducting Operating-under-the-influence Roadblocks on Public Ways within the State

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)  
GOULD R A  
TRACY  
NORTON

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would set up minimum guidelines for law enforcement officers to follow when conducting OUI roadblocks.

LD 1064 An Act Concerning Jurisdiction over Contested Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings

CARRY OVER

SPONSOR(S)  
CONLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would remove the Probate Court's jurisdiction to hear contested hearings on petitions for termination of parental rights.

Carried over to be considered with adoption laws revisions (to be introduced in the Second Regular Session).

LD 1067 An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Sex Offenses

PUBLIC 401

SPONSOR(S)  
PARADIS P  
HOLLOWAY  
FARNSWORTH  
HASTINGS

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-503

SUMMARY

The bill made a substantial revision of the sex offenses laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-503) replaced the text of the bill. It eliminates the separate crime of rape, and broadens gross sexual assault. It also covers certain behavior not previously criminalized, including the sexual involvement between a mental health therapist and a patient/client.

LD 1068 An Act Concerning Liability with Respect to Sports Officials

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)  
HANDY  
COLLINS  
DORE  
TAMMARO

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would exempt sports officials from liability in any action for damages as a result of the official's acts in rendering services.