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HUMAN RESOURCES**

**JULY 1989**

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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.

Finally, the bill would establish a common wage proxy system for health care workers that will allow nursing homes to increase wages annually at rates consistent with increases paid to hospital employees.

This bill was indefinitely postponed before reference to Committee.

**LD 1071     An Act to Authorize the Department of Human Services to  
Implement the Provisions of the United States Family Support  
Act of 1988**

**INDEF PP  
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FOSS	OTP-AM     MAJ	H-592     MAJ REP
CAHILL P	OTP-AM     MIN	
BRANNIGAN		
DAGGETT		

SUMMARY

The original bill makes changes in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education (ASPIRE) Program to implement the provisions of the United States Family Support Act of 1988 and to take advantage of expanded federal funding for employment training and education programs and transitional services for recipients of benefits of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

Both Committee amendments combine provisions from LDs 1385 and 1494.

The majority Committee Amendment (H-592) generally requires the Department to adopt options under federal law which provide the maximum benefits and flexibility for program recipients. It also makes changes in the ASPIRE program intended to provide greater coordination of education and retraining needs.

The minority Committee Amendment (H-593) generally permits the Department of Human Services discretion on the adoption of federal options.

This bill was incorporated into the Part II budget (LD 640) and generally retained only those provisions of the bill which were "procedural" in nature.

**LD 1074     An Act Relating to the Maine Commission on Mental Health**

**PUBLIC 335  
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	H-387     MANNING
TITCOMB		S-166
BURKE		
PEDERSON		

SUMMARY

This bill adds two additional members to the Maine Commission on Mental Health and provides that there will be at least two members of the commission who are primary consumers of mental health services and two members who are secondary consumers of mental health services. It clarifies that the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation is required, with the assistance of the Maine Commission on Mental Health, to establish standards of care for patients at the mental health institutes. It also clarifies access of commission members to confidential information and makes more general the authority of the Maine Commission on Mental Health to prepare legislation to implement its recommendations.