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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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>
TWITCHELL		
KANY		
WALKER		
JACKSON		

SUMMARY

The bill would allow evidence of collateral source payments to be admitted into medical malpractice cases, but leaves it up to the jury what effect the payments would be given.

Carried over with the other medical malpractice bills.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRAY	LV/WD	
CONSTANTINE		
ROTONDI		
HOBBINS		

SUMMARY

The bill would provide a lesser mandatory minimum sentence for drug traffickers who cooperate with investigators and prosecutors.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GREENLAW	OTP-AM	H-327
MARSANO		
PARADIS P		
PRIEST		

SUMMARY

The bill doubles the fees for service of civil process and disclosure subpoenas, and increases the fee to \$10 when a search for the person must be made.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-327) retains the current civil process fees when service is made on behalf of the State or an indigent plaintiff; it is doubled for all other situations.