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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 1097

**An Act to Conform the Scope of Prior Convictions When Used
to Enhance the Penalty for Negotiating a Worthless
Instrument**

PUBLIC 186

SPONSOR(S)
GOULD R A
SIMPSON
TRACY
ESTES

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill adds prior burglary and robbery convictions as considerations to enhance the penalty for negotiation of a worthless instrument.

LD 1107 An Act to Clarify the Definitions of Cocaine and Heroin

PUBLIC 334

SPONSOR(S)
SMITH
MOHOLLAND
MCSWEENEY
BOST

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-355

SUMMARY

The bill revises the definition of cocaine to include all isomers of cocaine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-355) retitles the bill, adds the definition of heroin and deletes unnecessary definitions.

**LD 1110 An Act Criminalizing the Unlawful Possession of Schedule
Z Drugs**

PUBLIC 384

SPONSOR(S)
BURKE
BUSTIN
DAGGETT
GWADOSKY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-415

SUMMARY

The bill would make possession of schedule Z drugs a Class E crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-415) retitled the bill and replaced the text. It also reinstates provisions of the law governing legal possession of prescription drugs.