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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-296

SUMMARY

The bill provides that a security interest in property used in criminal activities is not subject to forfeiture if the holder had no knowledge of and did not consent to the criminal activity.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-296) specifically refers to "perfected" bona fide security interests.

LD 1115 An Act Concerning Bed and Breakfast Establishments

SPONSOR(S)  
ROLDE

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-313

SUMMARY

The bill exempts bed & breakfast establishments from the prohibition against discriminating against families with children if the establishment has fewer than 10 rooms available.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-313) revises the language and provides that the exemption applies to lodging places with no more than 8 rooms available and in which the owner resides on the premises.

LD 1116 An Act to Increase the Penalty for Drug Crimes Committed while in Possession of a Firearm

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-324

SUMMARY

The bill makes it one class of crime greater to commit a drug crime while using, carrying or possessing a firearm.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-324) includes "armed with" a firearm.