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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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.

**LD 1206 An Act to Assure that Probation Does Not Lessen Consecutive
Terms of Imprisonment**

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CATHCART	LV/WD	
DIPIETRO		
LAWRENCE		
ESTY		

SUMMARY

The bill would give courts the ability to rearrange split sentences to accommodate subsequent sentences without requiring the person to return to jail after serving probation.

**LD 1242 An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act with Regard to
Housing Discrimination against Families with Children**

**PUBLIC 245
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MATTHEWS	OTP-AM	S-115
KETOVER		
PRIEST		
KILKELLY		

SUMMARY

The bill prohibits housing discrimination against families with children consistent with federal law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-115) corrects a technical error.

**LD 1248 An Act to Encourage the Continuation of Obstetrical Services
in the Medicaid Program**

CARRY OVER

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RANDALL		

SUMMARY

The bill would extend the Maine Tort Claims Act to physicians providing obstetrical services to Medicaid patients.

Carried over with the other medical malpractice bills.

**LD 1253 An Act to Prevent, Punish and Remedy Violations of
Constitutional Rights**

PUBLIC 582

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HOGLUND	OTP-AM	H-325
DORE		H-363 TAMMARO
		S-236 GAUVREAU

SUMMARY

The bill allows persons to seek equitable relief and attorney's fees, to protect the peaceable exercise or enjoyment of their constitutional rights.