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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.

An Act to Permit Private Educational Institutions of Higher Learning to Make Purchases through the State Purchasing Agent

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

MANNING  
HOBBINS  
ROLDE  
CLARK N

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1306 proposed that all institutions of higher education located in Maine be authorized to make purchases through the State. Currently, only the University of Maine System has this authority which it has rarely used.

The bill failed committee approval partly because of the appropriation that would be required, roughly \$53,500 over the biennium. In addition, many educational institutions have their own purchasing departments that purchase in quantities.

LD 1338

An Act to Improve Public Access to Public Hearing Records of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Board of Environmental Protection

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1338 proposed that the DEP, within 24 hours following a hearing of the DEP or the Board, transcribe the hearing on computer disks which would be made available to the public at cost.

The bill failed Committee approval partly because the bill applied only to the Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, many agencies contract with private firms for records of testimony and transcriptions. Copies of transcriptions can be secured from these firms. The State has inadequate capability of reproducing tapes of meetings.

LD 1377

An Act to Regulate Child Support Enforcement by the Department of Human Services

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1377 proposed:

- A. To reduce from 6 years to 5 years, the period for which a parent is obligated for payment of past child support;
- B. To create the Office of Child Support Intermediary Services within the Executive Department to be autonomous from other state agencies;
- C. That the office director be appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the Legislative Committee on Human Resources and to confirmation by the Senate.