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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.

Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that garages are included in the home construction contract law by stating that the warranty shall cover other appropriate uses in addition to habitation. It changes the definition of "change orders" to include any revision, not just a revision upward. This change makes the revised section consistent with other sections of the current law.

LD 1311 **An Act to Amend the Third-party Prescription Program Act and
Provide for Responsible Health Care Decisions**

CARRY OVER

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HANDY DUTREMBLE D JOSEPH RUHLIN		

SUMMARY

This bill allows any pharmacy to participate in a 3rd-party prescription program as long as the pharmacy has registered with the Superintendent of Insurance.

LD 1314 **An Act to Regulate the Use of Water Glass Adhesive on
Shipping Labels**

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BOUTILIER MATTHEWS RUHLIN	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

The committee was told that the use of water glass as an adhesive on shipping labels is dangerous as it has a tendency to flake and can cut those handling the packages. This bill limits the use of this adhesive to those situations where use of an alternative is impractical.

LD 1348 **An Act to Protect Children from Illegal Tobacco Sales**

PUBLIC 445

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ALLEN CLARK N PENDLETON BRAWN	OTP-AM	H-518 S-304 CLARK N S-305 BALDACCI

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a mechanism for enforcement of the prohibition against tobacco sales to minors by requiring retailers of tobacco to obtain a retail tobacco sales license. That license may be revoked or suspended if the licensee persists in selling tobacco products to minors. The bill also establishes a store-based permitting system for those employees who sell tobacco products. Failure to obey the law prohibiting tobacco sales to minors may result in penalties to the store clerk as well as to the owner.

This bill places enforcement authority in the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, which will become the Bureau of Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement. The Administrative Court has jurisdiction over violations of this law, paralleling the liquor laws.