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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 1286      An Act Relating to Smoking in Nursing Homes and Boarding  
Care Facilities

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)  
BOUTILIER  
ROLDE  
HEPBURN

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-288  
H-433    MANNING

SUMMARY

This bill would prohibit smoking by visitors and personnel in nursing homes and personnel in boarding care facilities. Residents in nursing homes and visitors and residents in boarding homes would be permitted to smoke only in specifically designated smoking areas.

**LD 1319**      An Act to Institute the Orderly Development of New Medical  
Technology and Services

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)  
BOUTILIER  
ROLDE  
PENDLETON  
RANDALL

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would establish a Medical Technology Advisory Panel to review and approve the use of new medical services and new medical technology. The panel would examine new medical technology costing over \$1,000,000 and services costing over \$1,000 not yet offered in Maine. The panel would make recommendations to the Maine Health Policy Advisory Council, 3rd-party payors, the Governor and the Legislature. If providers establish new technology or services without the recommendation of the panel, 3rd-party payors are prohibited from paying for the technology or services for at least one year. Under this approach, the payors are required to pay for the services or technology when the proposals are accepted and implemented. Payors are also given state authority to rely on the recommendations of the panel.

In addition, the bill would authorize the Department of Human Services to institute a request for proposals process in order to encourage the establishment of a new technology or new service where the panel has determined that it is needed and not yet available.

LD 1324      An Act Relating to the Status of Nursing Professions in  
Maine (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1987, Chapter 106)

PUBLIC 579

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-453  
S-425    PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill implements the majority recommendations of the Commission to Study the Status of Nursing Professions in Maine by: