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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.

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person's disability benefits are not terminated due to refusing a job which is not consistent with the person's prior compensation and benefits, training, education, experience and rehabilitation programs.

LD 980 An Act Regarding Retirement Benefits for Confidential State Employees

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

WEYMOUTH
DELLERT
MARSH
HICKEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill will increase the adjustment in retirement benefits provided to persons in confidential employment status with state-paid contributions who retired after June 30, 1983.

LD 1330 An Act to Increase the Percentage of State Payment for Accident and Sickness or Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

**LV/WD
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

PEARSON
O'DEA
CLARK N

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides for funds to increase the State's contribution for the group accident, sickness or health insurance on behalf of eligible retired teachers. The State presently provides 100% payment of group accident and sickness or health insurance on behalf of state employees. This bill provides parity between retired teachers and retired state employees by increasing the percentage of state payment of health insurance for retired teachers from 15% to 100%.

LD 1367 An Act to Equalize State Retiree Health Benefits

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

CLARK N
PERKINS
CARROLL D
LISNIK

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-186

SUMMARY

State retirees who meet statutory criteria have been covered under the state health insurance plan for many years. An increasing number have been required to enroll under Medicare in recent years. This has resulted in less coverage for these retirees because the Medicare plan has greater out-of-pocket expenses. This bill requires the State to pay Medicare premiums and provide supplemental insurance to equalize Medicare benefits with the state plan.