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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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CAHILL P	OTP	
GAUVREAU		
PINES		

SUMMARY

The bill modifies the reporting requirements concerning spontaneous abortions or miscarriages.

**LD 1387 An Act to Increase the Priority of Wage Claims Against
Insolvent Employers**

CARRY OVER

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRIEST		
CONLEY		
MCHENRY		
MATTHEWS		

SUMMARY

(Originally referred to Labor Committee.) The bill would create a lien on the property of any employer for wages owed employees when the employer goes out of business.

**LD 1390 An Act to Ensure that Child Support Payments Benefit the
Family**

CARRY OVER

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ALLEN		
GAUVREAU		
FARNSWORTH		
CONLEY		

SUMMARY

The bill would establish a child support guideline designed to ensure that a parent contribute a stable percentage of income to the support of a dependent child.

Carried over to make use of the work done by the review group established under LD 967.

**LD 1396 An Act to Protect Maine Workers from Needless Injury and
Death by Creating the Offense of Work-related Manslaughter**

PUBLIC 505

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	S-276
CONLEY		S-318 HOBBS
RAND		

SUMMARY

The bill would create new categories of manslaughter and aggravated assault to cover cases where the death or serious bodily injury is caused by a violation of a federal or state safety regulation.