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**STATE OF MAINE  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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JULY 1989**

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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.

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HANLEY  
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COMMITTEE REPORTAMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill would give all parties in civil lawsuits the right to offer to terminate litigation by offering a specified judgment. The purpose is to encourage settlement and deter frivolous suits.

Carried over to allow Civil Rules Advisory Committee to work on it.

**LD 1437**

**An Act to Include Unlawful Insurance Sales Discrimination on  
the Basis of Handicap in the Maine Human Rights Act**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

MELENDY  
ALLEN  
TITCOMB  
ANDERSON

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill would bring unlawful insurance sales discrimination under the jurisdiction of the Maine Human Rights Commission.

**LD 1447 An Act to Provide Visitation and Custody Rights to  
Grandparents in Cases other than Divorce**

PUBLIC 272

SPONSOR(S)

RICHARDS  
EMERSON  
GAUVREAU  
PARADIS E

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill allows courts to award child custody to 3rd persons, including grandparents, in cases involving parents living apart and judicial separation.

**LD 1459 An Act to Require a Victim Impact Statement**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

MACBRIDE  
RICHARDS  
COTE  
HOLLOWAY

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill would require notification of hearings to victims and would require the prosecutor to file a victim impact statement for Class A, B or C crimes.