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HUMAN RESOURCES**

**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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD 1468      An Act to Prohibit the Irradiation Within the State of Food  
for Human or Animal Consumption

PUBLIC 376

SPONSOR(S)  
TITCOMB

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the irradiation of food for human or animal consumption except as part of a research project at a college, university or research institution.

**LD 1483**      An Act to Make General Assistance More Available to Homeless  
People and Clarify the Definition of Need

PUBLIC 322

SPONSOR(S)  
CLARK M  
MANNING  
ANDREWS

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-352

SUMMARY

This bill amends the municipal general assistance law to include nonprescription drugs in the definition of basic necessities and homelessness in the definition of emergency. The bill permits municipalities to presume that persons served by emergency shelters are eligible for general assistance.

LD 1494      An Act to Extend Medical Assistance under and Clarify  
Certain Provisions of the Additional Support for People in  
Retraining and Education Program

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)  
CLARK M  
GAUVREAU  
MARTIN J  
MCGOWAN

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill makes certain changes in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program (ASPIRE).

The bill provides that teenage parents may be required to register in the Family Services Program, designed to encourage the completion of education and to enhance self-sufficiency. It requires that each person participating in the Family Services Program have a case manager. It further specifies that a portion of the total ASPIRE program funds be allocated to the Family Services Program, and requires additional information in the joint report submitted by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Labor to the Legislature due on February 14, 1990.

The bill also requires that all ASPIRE participants who lose their Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits as a result of finding work through the program receive written notice of their eligibility for extended medical assistance and an opportunity for hearing before their medical benefits under the ASPIRE program are terminated.