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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.

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

**LD 1525 An Act to Increase the Penalty for Destruction of Law
Enforcement Canines**

PUBLIC 446

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PARADIS P	OTP-AM	H-487
JACQUES		H-570 PARADIS P
MARSH		
PAUL		

SUMMARY

The bill would make it a Class C crime to interfere with a publicly-owned dog.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-487) replaced the text of the bill. It makes it a Class C crime to kill, mutilate or permanently disable a dog certified for law enforcement use, and a Class D crime to otherwise interfere with a dog certified for law enforcement use.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-570) makes a technical correction and inserts a knowledge requirement.

**LD 1527 An Act Regulating Disclosure Procedures in Small Claims
Actions**

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RICHARD	LV/WD	
PAUL		

SUMMARY

The bill would repeal the requirement that proceedings in a small claims court against a judgment debtor be transferred to the District Court division in this State in which the debtor resides.

LD 1529 An Act Relating to HIV Test Results of Foster Children

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
AIKMAN	LV/WD	
PARADIS J		
LEBOWITZ		
CAHILL P		

SUMMARY

The bill would have allowed foster parents to consent to and directly receive the results of HIV tests.

**LD 1537 An Act to Prohibit the Use of State Funds to Subsidize the
Implementation of Alternative Sentencing Options**

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FOSS	LV/WD	
WEBSTER M		
MARSANO		
BUTLAND		

SUMMARY

The bill was intended to prevent the use of any State funds to carry out an alternative sentencing plan.