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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>
STEVENS A	ONTP MAJ	
JALBERT	OTP MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill allows a public school teacher, who has at least 20 years' creditable service in this State and who has also taught at a parochial school or public or private academy approved by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services or equivalent, to purchase up to 10 years of service credit for that private school service if the teacher makes contributions into the Members' Contribution Fund on the same basis as the teacher would have made contributions had the service been at a public school in this State. The bill puts teachers who purchase credit for private school service in the same position as teachers who purchase credit for out-of-state public school service. Under existing legislation, teachers who purchase credit for private school service are required, in effect, to pay into the Members' Contribution Fund not only their own contribution, but also, unlike teachers purchasing credit for out-of-state public school service, their employer's contribution.

**LD 1571 An Act to Provide an Opportunity to Claim Medical Benefits
for Persons Previously Covered under a Spouse's Policy**

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
LISNIK	LV/WD	
HICKEY		
BUSTIN		
COLLINS		

SUMMARY

This bill allows former state employees, who were eligible for state health insurance coverage at the date of leaving state service because of that service and who were also eligible for coverage, and are in fact covered, as surviving spouses of former state employees, to enroll in the state health insurance plan in their own capacity as former employees within a period of 6 months after the effective date of this bill.

**LD 1735 An Act to Amend the Teacher Retirement System Laws to Allow
Contributions for Associates in Education**

PUBLIC 491
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CLARK N	OTP-AM	S-312
RYDELL		
PRIEST		
FOSS		

SUMMARY

Under current law, a teacher who takes a one-year leave of absence to participate in the education of prospective teachers would lose a one-year contribution towards their retirement. This bill expands the definition of "teacher," in order to ensure that public school teachers on leave from their school districts who participate in college level teacher preparation programs retain all of the retirement benefits enjoyed by public school teachers.