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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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of data processing equipment and softwear without regard to the availability of equipment and programs in other agencies and the needs of other agencies.

LD 1566 An Act Providing for the Development of a Proposal for the Delivery of Substance Abuse Programs Throughout the State

INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	S-306
MARTIN J		
ROLDE		
MATTHEWS		

SUMMARY

LD 1566 proposed to create the Office of Substance Abuse Services to administer substance abuse programs currently administered by the Departments of Corrections, Education, Human Services, and Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The Office would develop a comprehensive substance abuse plan for the State; coordinate all drug abuse prevention programs; inventory and evaluate all day abuse facilities, services, and programs; and develop training programs for persons treating drug abusers. The office would also license drug abuse treatment centers. The 25 member Maine Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment would advise, consult, and assist the 3 branches of government with respect to substance abuse.

The bill failed to receive committee approval, partly because of extraordinary powers and duties of the Office, Constitutional questions, and the exclusive focus on structure without consideration of the needs of substance abusers.

The Committee obtained approval from the Legislative Council to study the needs of substance abusers, the types of programs needed to help substance abusers, and the administrative structure of these programs.

LD 1587	An Act to Establish Greater Communication in the Rule-making	PUBLIC 574
	Process and to Provide Better Standards for the Adoption of	
	Rules	

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARROLL D	OTP-AM	H-588
JOSEPH		

SUMMARY

LD 1587 proposed to provide more comprehensive information relating to rules for legislative use, to streamline the regulatory process, and to generate better communication between executive agencies and the Legislature with respect to the adoption of rules. Among other provisions, the bill:

- requires each state agency to designate a person to serve as a liaison with the public, the Legislature, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State with respect to rule-making;
- requires state agencies to issue an annual regulatory agenda of anticipated rule-making activities;
- 3. created a 12 member Commission on the Codification of Rules;

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- 4. specifies the information that agencies will provide the Legislature with respect to proposed and adopted rules;
- 5. requires state agencies to take into consideration the impact of rulemaking on small businesses.

LD 1600 An Act Forming the	Maine Society on Science and T	echnology	ONTP
<u>SPONSOR(S)</u> BUSTIN	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	
<u>SUMMARY</u> LD 1600 proposed to create the Maine Society on Science and Technology to facilitate the use and understanding of science and technology in state government. The society may have up to 50 members. Members would be nominated by directors of local, county, state or university agencies or departments. The society would be staffed by the current staff of the Maine Science and Technology Commission.			
LD 1602 An Act to Promote	the Image of Nursing in Maine		LV/WD
<u>SPONSOR(S)</u> GILL MANNING CLARK M PINES	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	
<u>SUMMARY</u> LD 1602 was withdrawn and no hearing was held.			
LD 1603 Resolve, to Clear T from the State	litle or to Secure a Release of	Property	RESOLVE 48
<u>SPONSOR(S)</u> STEVENS P JOSEPH ROTONDI BERUBE	<u>COMMITTEE_REPORT</u> OTP-AM	<u>AMENDMENTS_ADOPTED</u> H-545	

SUMMARY

LD 1603 proposed that the State relinquish its title to 22 1/2 acres of land in Bangor and convey the State's title to Gerald and Elizabeth Briggs. The Briggs' purchased the property in 1969, and Penobscot County which did not have a clear title gave the Briggs a deed to clear the title. The deed is void because the county cannot waive state ownership in land.

The State had come into possession of the property in 1926 which was used as security for a bond for a person to appear in Penobscot County Superior Court. The person never appeared and the State purchased the property at auction. Following State purchase of the property, the owners continued to remain on the property and finally sold it. The property was subsequently sold several times.

The Committee Amendment provides that the State's interest would be conveyed to the Briggs' at the cost of the State's initial investment (\$272.99) and associated transfer fees.

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