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PART I - STATE GOVERNMENT

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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.

7. required Legislators who are attorneys to disclose the names of clients. Legislators who are attorneys with a firm would disclose principal areas of law accounting for 20% or more of the firm's gross income;
8. required Legislators to disclose liabilities of more than \$3,000 except home mortgages, credit cards, and retail credit.
9. proposed that the Legislature, by rule, adopt disciplinary guidelines and a Code of Ethics; and
10. Provided that the Attorney General and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices give a seminar on governmental ethics to Legislators after the general election in every even-numbered year.

A number of these provisions were incorporated in the Committee's ethics bill.

**LD 1645 Resolve, to Provide for the Evaluation of Fire Safety
Standards in Buildings Occupied by State Workers**

RESOLVE 40

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	S-275
HICKEY		
DAGGETT		
PARADIS P		

SUMMARY

LD 1645 proposed a 9 member Commission on New Standards of Fire Safety for Buildings Occupied by State workers to develop proposals for new fire standards for buildings converted to office space and occupied by state employees.

The bill was completely rewritten to provide the Commissioner of Administration working with the Interdepartmental Committee on Safety in the Workplace and the Labor Management Committee on Building Safety to evaluate fire safety standards in buildings occupied by State workers. The report will be made to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

LD 1650 An Act Mandating Standards for Ethics in Government

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ANDREWS	LV/WD	
BERUBE		
JOSEPH		
PAUL		

SUMMARY

LD 1650 proposed very comprehensive and stringent conflict of interest and ethics laws for State Legislators, executive employees, municipal officials, and county officials. The bill proposed that no more than 4 of the 7 members of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices be members of the same political party. LD 1650:

- A. banned all honoraria;

B. required all candidates for public office and high level officials to disclose:

1. all business income greater than \$1,000;
2. investment income of more than \$1,000;
3. trust income;
4. debts of more than \$1,000 and names of creditors; and
5. expense income of more than \$50.

LD 1651 An Act to Modify the Recruitment and Retention Adjustment Process

**PUBLIC 418
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	S-291
LARRIVEE		
LUTHER		
TITCOMB		

SUMMARY

LD 1651 proposed that current law concerning recruitment and retention stipends for state employees be strengthened with respect to collective bargaining. Under the bill, both the State and the bargaining agent must meet within 10 days after notice is provided from the other party requesting the meeting. Under current law, there is no period of time specified when recruitment and retention stipends will be collectively bargained.

The Committee Amendment re-enacted much of current law concerning recruitment and retention stipends, with some changes. The Committee Amendment provided more involvement of employees and agencies in the procedure compared to the original bill.

LD 1666 An Act to Establish the Department of Families and Children

**CARRIED OVER
BY APP/FIN**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JOSEPH	OTP-AM MAJ	H-621 MAJ REP
MARTIN J	OTP-AM MIN	H-658 JOSEPH
PRAY		
CARTER		

SUMMARY

LD 1666 proposed:

1. To establish a Department of Child and Family Services to begin operating on July 1, 1990.
2. That the Commissioner of the Department be confirmed and sworn no later than July 10, 1989.
3. That the Commissioner immediately begin to develop a transitional plan along with a select committee.
4. To establish the Joint Select Committee on Families and Children to be appointed within 10 days following the effective date of the Act.