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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.

An Act to Exempt Contracts Supplementing the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services from the Mandated Benefits for Substance Abuse and Mental Illness

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-547

SUMMARY

The bill exempts group Medicare supplement policies from the statute mandating benefits for substance abuse and mental illness.

The committee amendment (H-547) deletes language exempting Medicare supplements from the substance abuse and mental illness mandate, and inserts language exempting policies that supplement the Civilian Health and Medical program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) from that mandate.

LD 1720 An Act to Require Proration of Workers' Compensation Rates for Employees Who Perform Work Falling Under More than One Classification

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill requires the manual rates and rating plans for workers' compensation insurance in the voluntary and involuntary market, which are developed by rating organizations, to include rules for prorating the rates for employees falling into more than one classification. Currently, those employees are generally placed in the classification with the highest risk.

LD 1726 An Act to Amend the Banking Code

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-477 RYDELL

SUMMARY

This bill amends the Banking Code to specifically include the Treasurer of State, Abandoned Property Division as a "supervisory agency," to allow its auditors access to confidential records of credit unions and financial institutions.

HA (H-477) was offered with the support of the committee, since the bill was engrossed without reference. This amendment makes it clear that disclosure of financial records to the Treasurer in the performance of his duties under the Abandoned Property law, Title 33, chapter 37, is not prohibited under the confidentiality restrictions of the Bank Code, Title 9-B. The amendment avoids the term "supervisory agency" which is normally used for agencies with bank regulatory functions.