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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

OTP MAJ

H-699 CONF COMM AMEND

SUMMARY

LD 1773, the Majority Report of the Committee, required Legislators and executive employees to report income exceeding \$300 and gifts valued at more than \$50, except gifts from immediate family members. This bill did not require specific amounts of income to be reported.

Other provisions of this bill include:

1. An ethics seminar to be presented by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and the Department of the Attorney General to Legislators following the general election in the even-numbered years;
2. A code of ethics and disciplinary guidelines for the Legislature to be adopted by Joint Rule;
3. The requirement that municipal and county officers develop their own ethics policy for elected and appointed officials; and
4. A prohibition against former Legislators lobbying until 12 months following the end of the term to which the Legislator was last elected.

The bill was amended by a Conference Committee to:

1. Increase from \$300 to \$1,000 the level of each source of income required to be disclosed;
2. Require the disclosure of unsecured personal loans of more than \$3,000 from persons other than relatives;
3. Require self-employed Legislators and executive employees to disclose each source of income that represents 10% of the Legislator's gross income or \$1,000 whichever is greater;
4. Create a criminal penalty for members of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election practices who disclose confidential information relating to an investigation of conflict of interest prior to a final report of the Commission.