

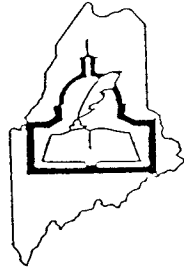
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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. 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

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BRANNIGAN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-876**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that the State's new mobile home warranty is a statutory warranty providing rights and duties in addition to those created by other statutes. The bill requires the Manufactured Housing Board, in consultation with the Attorney General, to develop a written form warranty and distribute that form to dealers and manufacturers who in turn are required to provide the purchaser of a new mobile home with a copy of the form warranty.

Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that warranty form must be fully consistent with the terms of the new mobile home warranty law, 14 MRSA §1404, and adds a fiscal note.

**LD 2212 An Act to Establish Mediation for Mobile Home Park Operators
and Tenants (Reported Pursuant to P & S Law 1987, chapter
139)****SPONSOR(S)****COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill, a minority recommendation of the Commission on Manufactured Housing established by P&S 1987 c. 139, establishes a system for mediation of disputes between mobile home park owners and tenants regarding changes in park rules, rent increases and evictions. The bill includes a January 1, 1992 sunset.

**LD 2213 An Act to Improve Drinking Water Quality in Mobile Home
Parks (Reported Pursuant to P & S Law 1987, chapter 139)****LV/WD****SPONSOR(S)****COMMITTEE REPORT**
LV/WD**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill requires a mobile home park owner to notify prospective tenants of drinking water complaints if the owner receives written notification that 25% or more of the park's tenants find the park-provided water objectionable. The bill also requires the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, to study the costs and technical feasibility of developing secondary drinking water standards for color, odor and taste.