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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1521

H. P. 1288

House of Representatives, April 11, 1977

On motion of Mr. Curran of South Portland, referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Curran of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Concerning Certain Powers of Joint Standing Committees
Responsible for Acting on Gubernatorial Nominations.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

3 MRSA § 151, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 771, § 11, is amended by inserting after the 3rd paragraph the following:

For the purposes of reviewing nominations pursuant to this section, the joint standing committee shall have the power to administer oaths and to take testimony under oath. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 165, subsection 7, the Legislature or the Legislative Council during any time when the Legislature is not in session, may grant to any joint standing committee reviewing a nomination any of the powers set out in section 165, subsection 7.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would grant the power to take testimony under oath to joint standing committees which are reviewing nominations made by the Governor. The Legislature or the Legislative Council when the Legislature is not in session, could also grant certain other powers including subpoena power to these joint standing committees to enable them to gather testimony on the nomination.