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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 under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

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

LD 288 AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES

ND LD 1239'

Sponsor: RANDALL, Hussey, Look
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1239

SUMMARY: See ND LD 1239.

LD 306 AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES

LVWD

Sponsor: ARMSTRONG, Jackson, Webster, M.
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 306 proposed to:

- A. eliminate the Office of Energy Resources;
- B. transfer some of the current duties and responsibilities of the office to other state agencies (BPI, State Development Office, Dept. of Professional and Financial Regulation the State Fire Marshall, the Dept. of Transportation, and the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness); and
- C. eliminate some programs and duties entirely (publication of an informational insulation fact sheet; training and certification programs for installers of solar energy equipment; energy building performance standards, etc.)

This bill was withdrawn by the sponsor. See LD 1482.

LD 323 JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO CONGRESS CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET ONTP

Sponsor: HEPBURN, Bott, Bickford
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)
OTP (Minority)

SUMMARY: LD 323 proposed a Joint Resolution to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention for the specific purpose of proposing an amendment to the U. S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget. The balanced budget requirement would be suspended during the time of a declared war or whenever three fifths of the members of both houses of Congress voted to suspend the requirement.

Under the U. S. Constitution the procedure is that a constitutional Convention would be called if two thirds of the members of each House of Congress approve, or if two

thirds of the State legislatures (34) call upon Congress to call a Constitutional Convention. The Convention would prepare a Constitutional Amendment, which then would require approval by the State Legislatures or State Conventions in three-fourths (38) of all the States.

32 states have passed resolutions requesting Congress to call the proposed Constitutional Convention, and 2 more states must pass similar resolutions before the Convention can be held.

Two states, according to the National Taxpayers' Union, are considering repeal of the provision that the r legislatures have approved.

Proponents of the proposed amendment argued that the amendment is necessary is to reduce the federal deficit which, a number of people assert, creates or contributes to economic problems including problems relating to the value of the dollar, interest rates, the rate of inflation, etc.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE STATE LVWD
362 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Sponsor: JALBERT, Greenlaw, Perry, McSweeney
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 362 proposed to increase from 5 to 6 the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Group Accident and Sickness or Health Insurance program of Maine state government. The new or additional member would represent the 2nd largest employee organization, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in state government.

Currently, the Maine State Employees' Association (MSEA) has 2 representatives on the board. MSEA represents 9,500 or roughly 73% of active state employees while AFSCME representing 1,400 or 10.8% of active state employees has no members represented on the board.

Other legislation before the Committee on Aging, Retirement, and Veterans addressed this issue.