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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.

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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
848
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE BUSINESS   LVWD
ADVOCATE IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Sponsor: TUTTLE, Duffy, Armstrong, Crowley
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 848 proposed to create the Office of the State
Business Advocate in the Governor's Office. The State
Business Advocate would represent and advocate for small
business. The Business Advocate's duties and
responsibilities proposed in the bill included:

A. assisting businesses when they deal with State agencies;

B. assisting businesses with the completion of
    applications for licenses and permits issued by State
    agencies;

C. establishing a communications network between state
    government and the private sector; and

D. cooperating and working with State agencies, regional
    economic development organizations, and private
    development organizations.

The Business Advocate was required to have a minimum of 10
years experience as a successful manager of a business. In
addition, the Business Advocate was required to have
demonstrated experience and knowledge in the operation of
state government and the regulatory process.

LD 848 was withdrawn because the Governor and the Select
Committee on Economic Development had presented
alternatives to the "Business Advocate" proposals to the
Committee.

LD   RESOLVE, TO REQUIRE THE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF   LVWD
920   MAINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
             ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO DEVISE A PLAN TO
             FINANCIALLY ASSIST SMALL FILLING STATION
             OPERATORS AND OWNERS TO MODERNIZE THEIR
             FUEL STORAGE

Sponsor: THERIAULT, Black, Martin, H., Ingraham
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 920 proposed that the Finance Authority of
Maine in conjunction with the Department of Environmental
Protection establish a plan to assist small gasoline
station owners and fuel oil operators with respect to their
underground oil tanks. The agencies would report their
findings and recommendations, including legislation to the
Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.