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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

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LD 848 was withdrawn because the Governor and the Select Committee on Economic Development had presented alternatives to the "Business Advocate" proposals to the Committee.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

The Governor proposed a much more comprehensive bill to address this issue. The bill provides \$5,000,000 of loan guarantees; \$1,000,000 of bond monies to provide direct, low interest loans through FAME; and \$2,800,000 (from oil overcharge revenues) for commercial and residential tanks. In recognition of the Governor's proposal before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, this bill was withdrawn.

LD 977 RESOLVE, REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPROVE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY CURRICULUM TO BETTER PREPARE MAINE STUDENTS FOR THE WORLD OF WORK ND LD 1831 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: REPORT
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1831

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1831.

LD 986 RESOLVE, ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LINKAGES BETWEEN EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Economic Development Committee Pursuant to Resolves, Chapters 45 and 53 of 1985) LVWD

Sponsor: REPORT
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 986 proposed to create a 17 member commission to study the link between education and the economy and to develop a program to educate the public about the importance of education to Maine's economic development. The task force would be composed of the following: 8 legislators; 4 members from the general public appointed by the Governor; the Chancellor of the University of Maine System; the Executive Director of the VTI System; the Commissioner of Education; the Commissioner of Labor; and the Director of the State Development Office.

The Task Force was required to:

- A. review recent research on the link between education and the economy;
- B. evaluate current education programs;
- C. establish priorities among the many education programs based on their impact on economic growth; and