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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. 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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

Joint Standing Committee on Housing & Economic Development

LD 21 Resolve, to Provide for the Evaluation of Financing Available to Small Businesses for Exporting (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Committee of Housing and Economic Development). LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill directs the Finance Authority of Maine, in consultation with the Department of Economic and Community Development and an association of exporting firms, to study the issue of low-cost export financing for small Maine businesses. The Finance Authority will report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development by January 15, 1990.

LD 22 Resolve, to Provide for the Evaluation of State International Trade Programs with Respect to Effectiveness and the Ability to Address International Economic Forces (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Housing and Economic Development Committee). LV/WD

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LV/WD

SUMMARY

LD 22 proposed that Maine's public and private higher educational institutions work together and develop objective evaluation criteria and procedures for economic development programs. The purpose of this resolve is to develop an effective evaluation tool for determining the effectiveness of economic development programs. Most states agree that effective evaluation is necessary to make the maximum use of limited resources to produce the maximum impact in economic development including international trade.

LD 40 An Act to Assess Product and Technology Development in the State and to Reduce Barriers to Innovations in Technology and Production (Reported Pursuant to a Study Relative to Maine's Participation of International Trade & Effect of International Trade on Maine's Economy) LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LV/WD

SUMMARY

Many states have actively promoted and developed systems for product and technology development to enhance state economies. This is particularly important with respect to the amount of research and investment in product and technology development currently occurring in many foreign nations.

LD 40 proposed that the Maine Science and Technology Commission, in consultation with the University of Maine System and state agencies, study the issues of product and technology development in Maine with specific focus on: