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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.

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- 1. The current status of product and technology development in Maine;
- 2. The present and potential impact of technology on the state economy;
- 3. The barriers to product and technology development;
- 4. The means of reducing or eliminating the barriers; and
- 5. The most effective role for public institutions to promote product and technology development.

LD 41

An Act to Enable Maine to Seize the Opportunities and Meet the Challenges in International Trade (Reported Pursuant to a Study Relative to Maine's Participation of International Trade on Maine's Economy & Effect of International Trade on Maine's Economy)

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 41 proposed that:

- 1. The Department of Economic and Community Development analyze the State's economy with respect to international trade and determine the State's strengths, assets, and liabilities in regard to international trade;
- 2. The department formulate an international trade strategy based on the State's strengths and assets.
- 3. The department evaluate all means that can best exploit international trade including creation of a foreign trade office, and the means to reduce or eliminate barriers to development of international trade;
- 4. The department coordinate international trade efforts and resources within the State to maximize the use of state resources;
- 5. The department investigate the feasibility of creating a New England regional trade council for purposes of promoting and developing international trade for the region and attracting investment to New England;
- 6. The department, in conjunction with the Department of Administration, Office of Information Systems, investigate the feasibility of the creation of an international trade data and information system to serve the public and private sectors;
- 7. The department investigate various approaches to a certification of quality program which will encourage domestic and foreign purchasers to buy goods and services produced in Maine.