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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.

Resolve, to Establish an Independent Task Force to Study the Legislative Process, the Legislative Council, Term of Office and the Feasibility of a Full-time Legislature

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-ND-NT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Replaced by LD 1081

LD 147 proposed the creation of a 12 member task force to conduct a comprehensive study of the legislative process and the degree and quality of responsiveness of the current process. In addition, the task force would study the feasibility of a full-time Legislature. The members included:

- A. The Attorney General;
- B. The Secretary of State;
- C. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court;
- D. 4 members appointed by the Governor, 2 of whom represent the governor and 2 of whom represent the general public;
- E. 5 Legislators not members of the Legislative Council, 2 of whom would be Senators appointed by President of the Senate and 3 would be Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.

The Committee Amendment created an 8 member advisory committee, appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The minority leaders of both houses recommend 4 members for appointment. Of the 8 members, no more than 4 may be legislators.

The advisory committee would recommend a consultant to study the structure and operation of the Legislature, including the legislative budget.

LD 224 An Act to Preserve Maine's Part-time Citizen Legislature by Making the Legislative Process More Efficient and Less Costly to Maine Taxpayers

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 224 proposed:

- A. To prohibit Friday sessions of the Maine Legislature except during the last 4 weeks of the session.