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**STATE OF MAINE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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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.

LD 175      **Resolve, Creating the Special Commission to Study  
Instructional Time in Schools**

INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CROWLEY	OTP-AM	H-479
KILKELLY		
O'GARA		
O'DEA		

SUMMARY

This resolve would have created a special commission to study several issues related to the effective use of instructional time in schools, including length of the school day and year.

A broadly representative membership was provided for the commission; and the commission was to present its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature by November 30, 1989.

The committee amendment provided for input during the study from the State Board of Education and increased the number of members on the commission, the number of public meetings of the commission and the appropriations by the amount necessary for these additional requirements.

This resolve was not funded on the Appropriations Table. A Legislative Council study was approved on the same topic to be conducted by a 5 member subcommittee of the Education Committee.

**LD 177      An Act Relating to the Approval of School Administrative  
District Budgets**

ONTP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RIDLEY	ONTP	
LORD		
MURPHY		
GOULD R A		

SUMMARY

Current law provides that, if voters in a school administrative district do not approve a budget offered by the board of directors by July 1st, the budget as first submitted by the board prevails. The bill provided that if the operating budget is not approved by July 1st, the previous year's budget as approved by the voters in that year would be used.

**LD 183      An Act to Ensure Coordinated Investigations of Complaints  
Regarding Special Education**

PUBLIC 69

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ESTES	OTP-AM	S-36
NORTON		
SMALL		

SUMMARY

This bill amends special education laws to coordinate and standardize the procedure for filing a complaint that those laws are not being complied with by a public or private school.