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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 147 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**

OTP-ND LD 1081

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CARROLL D MARTIN J ROTONDI O'GARA	OTP-ND-NT	

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**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
NUTTING HANLEY LORD COLLINS	LV/WD	

SUMMARY
LD 224 proposed:

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

- B. To require 8 members of the Legislative Council to approve after deadline bill requests instead of the current requirement for 6 members to approve the requests.
- C. To require a sponsor to sign a bill within 5 days following notice from the Revisor of Statutes that the bill is ready.

LD 238 An Act to Promote Thorough Consideration of Gubernatorial Appointments

PUBLIC 25

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MICHAUD DEXTER JOSEPH BERUBE	OTP	

SUMMARY

LD 238 proposed to increase from 20 days to 30 days, the period of time following the posting of the notice of a gubernatorial nomination during which a legislative committee votes whether to approve the nomination. The bill addresses the problem of scheduling committee hearings for gubernatorial nominations, particularly during the most difficult period for scheduling hearings, when the Legislature is not in session.

LD 242 An Act to Return Certain Positions within the Department of Environmental Protection to Classified Service under the Civil Service Law

PUBLIC 111

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KETOVER OLIVER HOLLOWAY JACQUES	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

SUMMARY

LD 242 proposed to restore to the classified service, 7 positions within the Department of Environmental protection that were made major policy influencing positions by the 2nd Regular Session of the 113th Legislature in 1988. These positions are:

- A. Director, Division of Licensing and Enforcement, Bureau of Air Quality Control;
- B. Director, Division of Technical Services, Bureau of Air Quality Control;
- C. Director, Division of Technical Services, Bureau of Air Quality Control;
- D. Director, Division of Enforcement and Field Services, Bureau of Land Quality Control;
- E. Director, Division of Licensing and Review, Bureau of Land Quality Control;
- F. Director, Division of Licensing and Enforcement, Bureau of Water Quality Control;