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PART I - STATE GOVERNMENT

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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.

- 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> MICHAUD DEXTER JOSEPH BERUBE	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> OTP	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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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> KETOVER OLIVER HOLLOWAY JACQUES	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> OTP            MAJ ONTP          MIN	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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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;

G. Director, Division of Licensing and Enforcement, Bureau of Oil and Hazardous Materials Control.

These division director positions were the only division positions in all of State government that were categorized as major policy influencing positions.

LD 255      **A Resolution Regarding the Testing of Cruise Missiles in  
Maine**      **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)      COMMITTEE REPORT      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
ONTP

SUMMARY

LD 255, an initiated resolution which obtained 72,000 signatures (43,000 are required), proposed that the Governor of Maine intervene with the Federal government to stop the testing of Cruise Missiles in Maine.

LD 266      **An Act to Designate April 9 as Former Prisoner of War  
Recognition Day**      **PUBLIC 37  
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)      COMMITTEE REPORT      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
BALDACCI      OTP-AM      S-18  
PARADIS E  
PRAY  
MARTIN J

SUMMARY

LD 266 proposed to establish April 9 of each year as Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day.

LD 302      **An Act Relating to Conflict of Interest and Financial  
Disclosure for Government Officials and Employees**      **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)      COMMITTEE REPORT      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
CARROLL D      LV/WD  
HANDY  
BOST  
BALDACCI

SUMMARY

LD 302 proposed to broaden and "deepen" conflict of interest and disclosure provisions with respect to public officials. LD 302 proposed to regulate certain activities of legislators, former legislators, executive employees, elected county officers, and elected municipal officers. The bill proposed:

1. A revolving door provision for former legislators by restricting their lobbying activities following their departure from the Legislature;
2. Disclosure of sources of income accounting for 10% or more of the total income of elected state, county, and municipal officers according to ranges of income;
3. Disclosure of positions on any board of directors held by elected state, county, and municipal officers;