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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

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;

4. Identification of any equity in a business that an elected state, county, or municipal officer transferred to a member of that officer's family;
5. Disclosure by executive employees of any immediate family relationships or business association with any person or business appearing before them in a proceeding;
6. Inclusion of "independent children" and parents of executive employees in the conflict of interest provisions governing executive employees;
7. Disclosure of the name of each source of income of \$300 or more by executive employees; and
8. Disclosure at the beginning of a proceeding by executive employees of any gifts of more than \$100 provided by any person or organization who is a party in the proceeding.

**LD 310 An Act to Amend the Composition of House District 48 and
 House District 49**

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MILLS	LV/WD	
HASTINGS		

SUMMARY

LD 310 proposes to remove the town of Lovell from House District 49 and place it in House District 48. The town of Stoneham will be removed from House District 48 and placed in House District 49.

The bill failed to receive committee approval because the 1990 Census, which will be used for reapportionment of the Maine Legislature in the 1990's, is very close. In addition, the committee was concerned that this bill would serve as a catalyst for transferring municipalities across the State from one legislative district to another.

**LD 317 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
 Maine Requiring Successful Gubernatorial Candidates to
 Receive More than 50 Percent of the Votes Duly Cast**

**ONTP-MAJ REP
ACCEPTED**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MAHANY	ONTP MAJ	
JOSEPH	OTP MIN	
CLARK N		
CONLEY		

SUMMARY

LD 317 proposed that any person elected Governor of Maine receive a majority of the votes cast for Governor. In the event that a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes in a general election, a runoff election would be held. The runoff election would occur within two weeks following the convening of both Houses of the Legislature in January to certify the initial general election results.

A minority of the committee supported a Committee Amendment that proposed to create a commission to study and make recommendations concerning the process and schedule for a run-off election, and the withdrawal of candidates from a run-off election. The Legislature would adopt a law governing the scheduling and the process of a run-off election.