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PART I - STATE GOVERNMENT

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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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HANLEY	ONTP MAJ	
GARLAND	OTP MIN	
COLLINS		
NUTTING		

SUMMARY

LD 433 proposed to:

- A. Shorten the length of the first Regular Session of the Legislature by 7-10 weeks. Adjournment is proposed for the 2nd Wednesday in April (to replace the 3rd Wednesday in June).
- B. Shorten the length of the Second Regular Session of the Legislature by 6-7 weeks. Adjournment is proposed for the first Wednesday in March (to replace the third Wednesday in April).
- C. Establish the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December as the cloture date for the First Regular Session of the Legislature.

This bill would bind future State Legislatures and have no effect. The Maine Constitution provides that the Legislature adopt its own rules governing its proceedings.

LD 476 An Act to Ensure the Appropriate Use of Gifts to the State

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ROLDE	LV/WD	
ADAMS		

SUMMARY

LD 476 proposes to prohibit the application of State overhead charges and STA-CAP to gifts, bequests, and endowments to the Maine State Archives.

STA-CAP (Statewide Cost Allocation Plan) is a fee that is charged to state agencies for services provided by central agencies of State government. STA-CAP service fees are distributed over all programs and accounts, but are collected only from accounts and programs funded in whole or in part by federal funds and by dedicated revenues. Roughly \$4,000,000 annually are collected from non-general fund accounts.

The formula for assessing STA-CAP requires federal government approval. Included in the formula is a variable for space occupied by an agency. An agency with considerable space, such as the State Archives which has considerable storage space, pays a much higher percentage of its budget for STA-CAP compared to agencies occupying very small areas.

Since donations, bequests, and endowments can be deposited in a special account with the State Treasurer and not be subject to STA-CAP, the bill was withdrawn.