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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 871** An Act Relating to Legislation of an Emergency Nature  
Introduced in the 2nd Regular Session or any Special Session

ONTP-MAJ REP  
ACCEPTED

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

SUMMARY

LD 871 proposed a statutory requirement that all legislation of an emergency nature admitted to the Second Regular Session of any Legislature or to a Special Session be approved by a 2/3 vote of all members of each house and have an effective date earlier than 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

The bill failed to obtain support from a majority of members because:

- A. One Legislature cannot bind future Legislatures;
- B. The Constitution provides that the Legislature adopt its own rules to govern its proceedings;
- C. An independent consultant will be studying the structure and operation of the Legislature and making recommendations to improve the efficiency of the process;
- D. Not all emergency legislation needs an immediate effective date.

The minority report required that all legislation introduced into the Second Regular Session and Special Sessions of the Legislature be emergency legislation. In addition, this report required after deadline bills to have the approval of 8 of the 10 Legislative Council members.

**LD 906** An Act to Require Detailed Legislator Finance Reports

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FOSS	LV/WD	
ESTY		
BERUBE		
BEGLEY		

SUMMARY

LD 906 proposed that Legislators report:

- A. The name of each source of income accounting for 10% or more of a Legislator's total household income; and
- B. The percentage of total income that each reportable source of income comprises.

The bill did not require Legislators to report the specific amount of each source of income accounting for 10% or more of total household income.

The provisions of LD 906 were considered in the Committee's governmental ethics bill, LD 1773.