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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 962 An Act to Require Government Agencies to Notify the Public
and Local Officials of Potential Public Land Purchases**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

TOWNSEND

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ESTY

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 962 proposed to require:

- A. The Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to notify the general public and all members of a local legislative body of any state agency's consideration of local land for acquisition.
- B. Notice to the general public by newspaper advertising about possible State acquisition of local land.
- C. Notice by first class mail to local legislative bodies concerning local land acquisition.

LD 962 did not require local approval of state land acquisitions.

The bill failed to obtain Committee approval because of the disadvantages that the State would incur as a result of the bill's passage. The bill was withdrawn in order for the sponsors to address the problems it raised. The sponsors intend to introduce the bill again to a future legislative session.

**LD 973 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Human Resources to Study
Certain State Employee Classifications**

ONTP

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NORTON

BUSTIN

AULT

HICKEY

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 973 proposed that the Bureau of Human Resources:

- A. Study data entry job classifications and levels of compensation for these job classifications on the state, local, and federal levels;
- B. Study knowledge and skill requirements for data entry functions;
- C. Study career opportunities available to data entry personnel; and
- D. Determine any changes necessary in classifications and compensation levels.

The bill failed to obtain committee approval because the Bureau of Human Resources and organizations representing state employees are required by law to negotiate job classification standards. The State and State employee unions are involved in these negotiations which includes an analysis of the issues proposed in LD 973.