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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:

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| 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.

An Act to Place in the Unclassified Service the Utility Technical Analyst and Utility Accountant II Positions at the Public Utilities Commission

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 988 proposed:

- A. To drop the classification titles I, II, and III for accountants and technical analysts.
- B. To declassify utility accountants II;
- C. To declassify utility technical analysts;
- D. That the Public Utilities Commission determine the salaries of utility accountants and technical analysts subject to approval by the Governor;
- E. That persons employed at the PUC as utility accountants and utility technical analysts may be disciplined only for cause; and
- F. To increase the ceiling on the Public Utility Commission Regulatory Fund by the assessment of an additional \$17,000 in fiscal year 1990 and \$55,200 in fiscal year 1991.

The bill failed to obtain committee approval because the PUC had not used any of the current procedures to address the problem of recruitment and retention that the PUC claimed to exist with respect to these positions. The Bureau of Human Resources testified that the positions proposed for declassification have been occupied for a long period of time by the incumbents. There does not appear to be a recruitment and retention problem.

LD 1011 An Act to Establish a Reporting Mechanism for Legislators Attending Educational Conferences

ONTP-MAJ REP
ACCEPTED

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BAILEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1011 proposed to require:

- A. Legislators and legislative staff persons who attend conferences and seminars, other than those sponsored by the Maine Development Foundation, state agencies, and state boards, to submit a one to two page report concerning the conference or seminar to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.
- B. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council to compile all the reports for each calendar year and publish them along with a table of contents.