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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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SUMMARY

New Draft of LD 147. This new draft create the Advisory Committee on Legislative Structure and Operations, composed of 8 members, to monitor and oversee a study of the structure and operation of the Legislature. The study will be conducted by a consultant who will use the advisory committee as a resource to develop an understanding of the legislative process.

The advisory committee will consist of 4 Legislators and 4 nonlegislative members. The presiding officers of the House of Representatives and Senate will jointly appoint 2 Legislators and 2 nonlegislators. The presiding officers of the House of Representatives and the Senate will also jointly appoint an additional 2 Legislators and 2 nonlegislators upon the recommendations of the minority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate. The advisory committee will be appointed within 30 days following the effective date of this new draft.

Within the 30-day period following the effective date of the new draft, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council will prepare a request for proposal for review and recommendations of the advisory committee. Following the deadline for the submission of responses to the request for proposal, the advisory committee will review the responses. The advisory committee will recommend to the Legislative Council the consultant to conduct the study. The Legislative Council is required to contract with a consultant to conduct the study by June 1, 1989.

The study will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The degree of efficiency of the current legislative process including the legislative staff offices;
2. The responsiveness of the legislative process to the needs and problems of the State's citizens;
3. The responsiveness of the legislative structure to the needs and problems of the State's citizens;
4. An analysis of the legislative budget process; and
5. An analysis of the projected demands on the Legislature and the changes necessary to enable a part-time Legislature to address these demands.

The consultant will issue an interim report by December 1, 1989, and a final report by April 1, 1990, to the Legislative Council and the advisory committee.