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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1104 required the State Purchasing Agent, whenever possible, to purchase products for State Government which have been produced in the United States.

LD 1104 raised a number of questions and issues that would prevent its implementation. The bill appeared to be in violation of the Interstate Commerce Clause and the Foreign Commerce Clause. In addition, it is extremely difficult to distinguish between U.S. and foreign products especially when foreign manufactured items are assembled into finished products in the U.S. In addition, foreign owned firms operating in the U.S. and producing goods for interstate and foreign trade complicated the problem.

LD 1120 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for 4-Year Terms for Senators and Representatives

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SUMMARY

LD 1120 proposed:

- A. 4 year terms of office for Senators and Representatives in the Maine Legislature; and
- B. That each Legislature have 4 regular sessions of which the second and fourth sessions would be the "short sessions" and limited to those matters currently prescribed by the Constitution for the Second Regular Session. The first and third sessions would be the "long sessions."

LD 1120 did not propose to change the statutory length of legislative sessions or the terms or means of election of the Constitutional officers.

The bill was amended by a House Amendment to establish an effective date of 1994 for the bill. Senate Amendment "A" created staggered terms of office and proposed two questions for voters at referendum. One question concerned 4 year terms for Senators and the second question concerned 4 year terms for House members.