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ON  
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PART I - STATE GOVERNMENT

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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.

An Act to Change the Name of the State Capitol Commission to the State House and Capitol Park Commission and to Amend the Law Governing the Commission

SPONSOR(S)

CLARK N  
MARTIN J  
PERKINS  
WEBSTER M

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-198

SUMMARY

LD 1246 proposed:

- A. To make the Director of the State Capitol Commission a member of the State Capitol Commission. The Director would be appointed by the Legislative Council;
- B. To redefine the geographic jurisdiction of the Capitol Commission to include property adjacent to the Capital Building;
- C. To authorize the Commission to consult with the city of Augusta to plan for the preservation and development of a unified park area including the State and City owned portions of Capitol Park.

The Committee amended the bill by striking the title and everything after the title. The Committee Amendment:

- A. Changes the name of the name of the State Capitol Commission to the State House and Capitol Park Commission in order to help lessen confusion between this Commission and the Capitol Planning Commission;
- B. Makes the State House and Capitol Park Commission advisory to the Legislative Council;
- C. Vests all approval authority and policy making authority with the Legislative Council in order to address the Separation of Powers problem which arises when a commission composed of members from different branches of government have policy making authority.

LD 1259 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Increase the Availability of Legislative Participation

ONTP-MAJ REP ACCEPTED

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HANLEY  
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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP MAJ  
OTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1259 proposed to place a constitutional limit of 5 consecutive terms on the number of terms that legislators could serve in each house of the Maine Legislature. This bill was very similar to LD 1014 which established a statutory ceiling on the number of terms a legislator could serve.

The bill failed to obtain committee approval because of the turn-over rate in the Maine Legislature and because of the principle that the electorate should be able to elect any person the electorate wants to represent it.