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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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HEESCHEN	ONTP MAJ	
MARTIN J	OTP-AM MIN	
BOST		
PRAY		

SUMMARY

LD 1492 proposed that the Legislature, in joint convention, elect the Public Advocate for a term of 4 years. In the event of a vacancy in the office during the period that the Legislature is adjourned, the President of the Senate would be authorized to appoint an interim Public Advocate who would serve until the Legislature convenes and elects the Public Advocate.

The Committee Amendment provided that the Governor would continue to appoint the Public Advocate who would be subject to confirmation every 2 years.

LD 1530	An Act to Clarify the Maine Municipal Bond Bank's and the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank's Ability to Hold, Own and Sell Real and Personal Property	PUBLIC 374 EMERGENCY
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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JOSEPH	OTP	
CARROLL D		
KANY		
DAGGETT		

SUMMARY

LD 1530 authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank to hold real property. Current law authorized the banks to hold personal property only. However, these banks, in cases of defaults, come into the possession of real property.

LD 1562	An Act Concerning the Acquisition of Data Processing Equipment and Services by State Agencies	LV/WD
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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

LD 1562 proposed that the Deputy Commissioner of Administration, who is the Director of the Office of Information Services, adopt rules concerning state agencies' acquisition and use of computer and telecommunications hardware, software, and services. The deputy commissioner would establish a list of approved hardware, software, and services.

The purpose of the bill was to expedite agency acquisition of computer and telecommunications equipment, programs and services which currently require the deputy commissioner's approval. By creating a list of approved equipment, services, and software, agencies would not have to wait for the deputy commissioner's approval.

LD 1562 failed to receive Committee approval because it would have subverted the purpose of current law to make better use of equipment and software. Under the bill state agencies could purchase any amount