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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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75 AN ACT TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY REQUIRE- Webster CNTP
MENTS UNDER THE HOME PROGRAM

SUMMARY: ID 75 proposed to amend the provisions of one sub-program of the HOME Program by redefining "single family owner-occupied residence". The Federal definition of a "single family owner occupied residence" is a residence in which the owner resides and which has no more than 4 units. ID 75 proposed to reduce this to no more than 2 units. In addition, the bill proposed that 100% of the monies issued by the Housing Authority through private banks be issued to "first-time" buyers. Federal tax law establishes a minimum of 90% of the monies be issued to first-time home buyers.

83 AN ACT TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE AS A MEMBER OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD Mitchell, J. ENACT. PL 5

SUMMARY: ID 83 increased the Energy Resources Advisory Board from 9 to 10 members to include the Public Advocate. Prior to passage of ID 83, the advisory board consisted of 2 legislators, a representative from the PUC, and 6 members appointed by the Governor. The Board is strictly advisory and limited to assisting in the development of a State energy plan and in research. The board members receive no per diem compensation. Since the Public Advocate is involved in alternate sources of energy and energy systems, costs of energy and conservation, it seemed reasonable to include the Public Advocate on the Advisory Board.

91 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY FOR A FORMS MANAGEMENT FUNCTION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, BUREAU OF PURCHASES Murphy OTP

SUMMARY: ID 91 proposed to authorize the State Purchasing Agent to develop a forms management system for all of state government. This proposal would have superceded the authority of other state agencies, most notably, the State Archivist. Since forms management means something very different from the needs of the State Purchasing Agent, the Committee amended the bill to authorize the State Purchasing Agent to establish dates for the ordering of standard forms to obtain savings resulting from volume purchasing and printing.

159 AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAINE STATE LOTTERY LAW Jacques ENACT. PL 205

SUMMARY: ID 159 proposed to increase the per diem salary from \$25 to \$50 per day paid to the State Lottery Commissioners. The Committee changed this allocation to the same per diem salary as paid to State legislators. The Lottery Commission is able to absorb the additional costs in its current allocation.