

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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564 AN ACT CONCERNING DISPLAY OF THE Ingraham LV/WD
STATE FLAG AT CUSTOMS OFFICES
WITHIN THE STATE

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill was to promote the State of Maine. Since most customs houses are federal property for which state flags are prohibited, the bill could not be implemented.

588 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ORDERLY Paradis,P. ENACT. PL 65
TRANSITION PERIOD FOLLOWING THE
ELECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

SUMMARY: This bill proposed that the Secretary of State-elect, the State Auditor-elect, and the State Treasurer-elect assume their duties no earlier than 30 days following their election to these positions. The purpose of the proposal is to enable the newly elected Constitutional Officers to become familiar with the requirements of their respective offices.

589 AN ACT RELATING TO RECOUPMENT OF Gauvreau LV/WD
MONEYS EXPENDED IN THE STATE WEATHER-
IZATION PROGRAM AND THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PERMANENT REVOLVING WEATHERI-
ZATION FUND

SUMMARY: ID 589 proposed to establish a revolving fund for the State's weatherization program to be funded in part, from repayments for weatherization services at the time of transfer or sale of the property. The intent of the bill was primarily aimed at multi-family housing (rentals) where landlords benefit from the weatherization and are able to realize capital gains at the time of sale of these buildings. A mandatory lien would be filed on every property receiving weatherization. According to some persons, the Department of energy was reviewing the legislation which could result in the loss of federal funds. A lien, therefore could only involve state monies which are minimal. A lien would also discourage some property owners from accepting the service.

590 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT Murray LV/WD
OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES
TO CHARGE, COLLECT AND EXPEND FEES
FOR PUBLIC SERVICES NOT FUNDED BY
THE LEGISLATURE

SUMMARY: ID 590 proposed a special account for the Department of Education in which fees for services not funded by the Budget would be deposited. The purpose of the legislation was to allow the Department of Education to charge fees for the printing and distribution of literature, holding of seminars, etc.. The arguments against the proposal included the opportunity of the Department to fund activities rejected by the Legislature.