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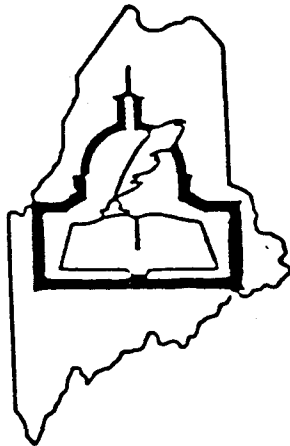
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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

ONTP

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

SUMMARY:

Present statutes allow school boards to require teachers to begin the first class of each school day with a "period of silence." This bill would have required school boards to establish a "period of silence" at the start of each school day.

LD:

1048 AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND IMPROVE THE LAWS ON
EDUCATION IN THE UNORGANIZED TERRITORYBROWN L
CROUSE
ROBERTS
LAWRENCE

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOVPUBLIC
CH # 490

S-182	CA		H	S
S-234	CA	BROWN L	H	S
S-321	CA	PEARSON		
S-365	CA	PEARSON	H	S

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the bill was to assemble in one place the laws governing the provision of elementary and secondary school programs in the unorganized territory. Where current law was ambiguous, the bill clarifies that the statutory provisions governing the provision of education in school administrative units also apply to the unorganized territory. The original bill clarified that there was one "Unorganized Territory School Fund" rather than one "School Fund" and one "Capital Working Fund." The original 2-fund structure was restored by an amendment. The bill also provides for the establishment of "a capital reserve account for future construction and renovations." Finally, it proposed the establishment of an "Unorganized Territory School Contingency Fund" not to exceed 3% of the budget. This Contingency Fund was the subject of much debate and finally removed by a Senate Amendment.

The bill expanded school services by including the provision of services to preschool handicapped students.

CA-S-182: The Committee Amendment proposed allowing school