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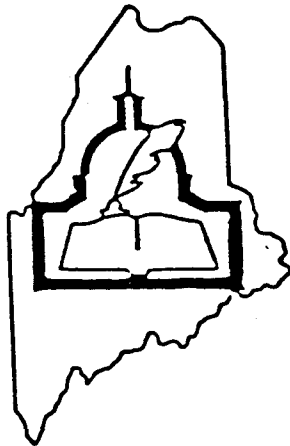
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
JULY 1985

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.

SUMMARY:

School units are presently required to display the American flag at each school. The bill requires that flags be displayed in every classroom. The new draft changed the location of the new provision from a section dealing with special observances and a subsection dealing with the duties of instructors to teach about the flag to a section dealing with the superintendent's responsibility to make sure the flag is displayed.

LD:

1190

AN ACT TO PROMOTE AVIATION AND AEROSPACE
TECHNOLOGY IN MAINE SCHOOLS

MCGOWAN
PEARSON
CALLAHAN
DAVIS

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have required the State Board to adopt rules for the certification of teachers of aerospace technology theory and aerospace applied sciences.

LD:

1199

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE EDUCATION STATUTES
TO PROHIBIT THE TEACHING OF ALTERNATIVE
LIFESTYLES IN MAINE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HICHENS
RICHARD
WEBSTER C
SMITH C B

ONTP

HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

S-138 CA MIN REP

SUMMARY:

The bill would have given school boards the authority to "dismiss, refuse to reemploy or suspend any teacher, student teacher or teachers' aide who, in any class during school hours, advocates homosexual activity." The term advocate was defined to include a range of behavior from "advocate, solicit, or impose the approval or acceptance of an activity" to "encourage or promote the approval or acceptance of an activity." Homosexual activity was defined as "any sexual act or sexual contact between persons of the same gender."

At the public hearing one of the co-sponsors of the bill proposed substituting a new draft for the bill. The new draft would have allowed the superintendent and school board to dismiss a teacher for not following the school board's instructions if the teacher did not refrain from teaching certain subject matter when told to refrain by the superintendent.