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BILL SUMMARY



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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.

The Committee decided to give LD 1204 a "leave-to-withdraw" in order to work with LD 196 which was passed out as LD 1639 in new draft.

LD: **1241** AN ACT RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF STATE-OWNED SPROUL
REAL ESTATE WENTWORTH

OTP-AM HOUSE Indef. PP
 SENATE Indef. PP
 GOV

H-243 CA H S
H-328 CA L HIGGINS H S

SUMMARY:

LD 1241 proposed a state policy for the disposition of surplus state property. The original bill authorized the Department of Finance and Administration as the only agency of State Government to sell surplus state property. The bill proposed that municipalities, counties, and property abutters, in that order, be given priority for any surplus state property offered for sale. A floor of 25% of the appraised value was established as a minimum sales price for municipalities and counties which could be charged 100% of the appraised value. The bill also contained a reverter clause providing that whenever property sold to a municipality or county ceased to be used for a public purpose, ownership of the property reverted to the State.

Committee Amendment "A" redefined appraised value, exempted the Bureau of Taxation, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Transportation from the bill, and provided that whenever a municipality or county paid the full appraised value for surplus state property, the reverter clause would not be included in the transfer.

House Amendment "A" (H-328), amended the amendment to remove abutters as priority purchases of property except in cases of tie bids.

The bill failed to receive passage in both houses. This may have been the result of the \$50,000-\$150,000 fiscal note on the bill which the Department of Finance and Administration put on the bill. This was not an actual loss but only a possible future reduction of revenues from surplus state property sales if the property was sold at less than the appraised value.