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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

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LD: 1484 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE USE OF PUBLIC RESERVED

LANDS ACQUISITION FUND MONEY

MITCHELL DEXTER

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SUMMARY:

The bill would have made certain items ineligible for expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Aquisition Fund. These items included "structures, rights of way, and rights in land other than ownership". The Bureau of Public Lands objected that the bill would reduce the flexibility of their management strategies. The Committee recommended that the bill ought not to pass.

LD:	1496	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY STANDARDS FOR PUBLICLY-FUNDED					BROWN L MITCHELL COLES CONNOLLY
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SUMMARY:

The original bill would have made the present voluntary energy efficienty building standards (10 MRSA §1415-A) mandatory for buildings which are constructed or substantially renovated after January 1, 1986 and which use public funds or guarantees. Violators would be subject to civil penalties of up to \$5,000.

CB-S-175: The Committee minority report which was enacted revises the original bill in several ways. It delays the date when the voluntary standards became mandatory to January 1, 1987 and excluded residential buildings from coverage. It also defines "substantial renovation" and establishes a mechanism to implement the new mandatory requirements, including waivers, notices, fees, enforcement and penalties. The committee amendment also requires state agencies, such as FAME and the Housing Authority, to coordinate their energy conservation standards.

HA/CB-H-326: The House Amendment deletes the exclusion for multi-family residential buildings.