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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTF	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

The major support for the bill came from a construction contracting firm in Bangor that has been confronted, in the owner's opinion, with "illegal competition". The owner argued that Canadian subsidies and sales prices, set below the cost of production in bids for U.S. business, have seriously hurt the firm. The Department of Transportation agreed to work with the Bangor firm to determine how this firm could improve its ability to secure more state contracts.

LD
1841

AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOB PROTECTION ACT

P&SL 1985
c. 92

Sponsor: PRAY, Martin, J., Kerry
Committee Report: OTP-AM

S-378 CA H S

SUMMARY: LD 1841 increases the scope of the study to be undertaken by the Joint Select Committee on Economic Development. The bill requires the Select Committee to look at all agencies; including state, region, local, and private; that collect or possess data and information relating to economic growth and development in Maine.

The agencies are required to report the following:

- A. the information and data they collect;
- B. the activities of each agency;
- C. the amount of money they spend, and where the money is spent;
- D. the standards used to provide money to recipients; and
- E. monitoring activities of each agency.

The agencies are required to report the information to the committee on February 28, 1986; and the Select Committee is required to analyze the information and report to the Legislature on April 1, 1986.

The purpose of the bill is to develop a coordinated basic data and information network by which economic conditions in various geographical locations and industrial sectors of Maine can be continuously monitored. By continuous monitoring of the economy, industrial or geographical sectors that begin to experience economic difficulties will be quickly detected, and remedies may be more expeditiously applied.

The Committee on State government amended the bill to require the agencies to report the information to the State Planning Office by April 20, 1986. The Select Committee on Economic Development will include this information in the Select Committee's report to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

LD AN ACT TO PERMIT ADMINISTRATION OF HOME
1862 WINTERIZATION PROGRAMS ON AN OPTIONAL BASIS
 THROUGH LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

ND LD 2163
PL 1985,
c. 613

Sponsor: DAVIS, Murphy, T., Tardy, Pearson
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT

SUMMARY: LD 1862 was passed out of committee as a new draft, LD 2163. In its original form, LD 1862 proposed to allow municipalities to administer the Weatherization and Fuel Assistance programs currently administered by the Community Services Division.

In previous years, 15 municipalities administered the home energy assistance programs (HEAP) for those municipalities. The 12 community action program (CAP) agencies administered the program for the remaining municipalities.

The municipalities receive 7% of their allocation for administrative costs to operate the HEAP program or fuel assistance program. The State Division of Community Services is still required to monitor the municipalities administering the program. The cost to the Division, according to their records, to monitor the 15 municipalities is roughly \$135,000.

Only 1 municipality has ever elected to administer the weatherization program. The Federal Government allows 5% of the allocation to a municipality for administrative costs.