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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

LD AN ACT TO CHANGE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY FROM A  
1872 SPECIAL OBSERVANCE DAY TO A STATE HOLIDAY

PL 1985  
c. 787

Sponsor: BOST, Andrews, Kany, Handy  
Committee Report: OTP-AM, ONTP, OTP-AM

H-500	CA	H	S
H-501	CB		
H-508	GWADOSKY		
H-509	PARADIS		
H-534	ZIRNKILTON		
S-377	MATTHEWS	H	S

SUMMARY: In its original form, LD 1872 proposed to make "Martin Luther King Jr. Day" a bank, court, and school holiday. The bill did not propose to make the day a state holiday during which most businesses would be closed. The Statement of Fact, however, indicated that the bill established Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a state holiday.

Currently, according to the Council of State Governments, 25 states have established Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a statewide holiday that applies to both businesses and government offices. In 3 states, the day is observed as a limited holiday (businesses remain open).

The Committee on State Government amended the bill to establish Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a state holiday during which most businesses would be closed. The House of Representatives rejected the comprehensive state holiday proposal. As a result, Martin Luther King Jr., Day, as enacted by the 112th Legislature is a bank, court, and school holiday.

LD RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN  
1911 PUBLIC LANDS IN LEWISTON

RESOLVE 1985  
c. 59

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Boutilier, Telow  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: LD 1911 authorizes the Bureau of Public Lands to sell its share of ownership in a residential property in Lewiston for \$3,500 which will be deposited in the Public Reserved Lands Acquisition Account.

The State acquired a fractional interest (1/6) in a residential property on Spring St. in Lewiston when David Tuttle died intestate in 1948 (died without making a will). Tuttle's 1/6 interest went to the State. When Ms. Claudia MacDonald went to perfect her title to the property, the state's fractional interest was discovered.

The monies to be derived from the sale (\$3,500) will be deposited in the Public Reserved Lands Acquisition Account. Monies in this account are used to purchase reserved lands or lands which the state holds title in trust for the people of the State. There are approximately 450,000 acres of reserved lands in Maine, of which 99% are located in the Unorganized Territory.

LD            RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF            ND LD 2300  
1926        CORRECTIONS TO CONVEY BY SALE THE INTEREST OF  
            THE STATE IN CERTAIN LAND IN WINDHAM, COUNTY OF  
            CUMBERLAND

Sponsor: PRAY, Diamond, G.,  
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT

SUMMARY: LD 1926 proposed to sell for \$1.00, roughly 185 acres of land with some buildings presently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections in Windham, site of the Maine Correctional Center, to the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals. The sales agreement would have contained a reversion clause by which ownership of the property would revert to the State in the event that the SPCA did not maintain the site as an animal shelter and work place for Maine Correctional Center inmates.

The market value of the property, according to the tax assessor of Windham is roughly \$1200-1500 per acre or between \$216,00-\$277,500 for the 185 acres. The entire parcel is under a 45 year lease to the Maine Society For The Protection of Animals for a total lease fee of \$1.00.

The Department of Corrections declared that a 60 acre sub-parcel, currently part of the 185 acre parcel was vital to the operations of the department. Therefore, the committee on State Government reduced the acreage.

The State Government Committee proposed a number of conditions prior to the committee's approval for the sale of the property to the Society. These conditions were unacceptable to the Society which offered to pay the appraised market value of the property.