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**STATE OF MAINE
116TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Bill carried over to Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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The bill was moved into the Budget bill (LD 283) and funded at \$100,000 in each year of the biennium. The bill as it appeared in the budget bill changes the membership specifications and also makes several technical changes.

**LD 1537 An Act to Establish a Development Authority
for Loring Air Force Base**

PUBLIC 474

EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

MARTIN J
PARADIS J

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-579
S-367 PEARSON

SUMMARY

The bill establishes the Loring Development Authority of Maine to act as the entity responsible for acquiring and managing the properties within the geographical boundaries of Loring Air Force Base. The authority will be responsible for securing resources from all sources for the implementation of a reuse strategy in order to preserve employment opportunities and to stabilize the economies in the communities of Aroostook County affected by the closure of Loring Air Force Base.

The committee amendment (H-579) gives the Loring Development Authority of Maine the power to adopt rules in compliance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, includes a reference to the existing definition of affirmative action programs and makes technical wording changes. The amendment also eliminates the irrebuttable presumption that acquisition of property is a public necessity based solely on the authority's declaration that taking the property is in the public interest and necessary for public use. It also deletes the provision that property acquired by the authority vests in the authority in fee simple absolute. The authority must submit a report on its activities to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development in the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature by April 1, 1994. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The Senate amendment (S-367) clarifies the tax status of the Loring Development Authority to avoid any question regarding property tax reimbursement by the State, eliminate eminent domain authority and adds a revised fiscal note.

**LD 1547 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount
of \$20,000,000 to Provide Funds for Assistance to Maine
Businesses**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds to initiate economic development activities. This bond issue is a companion measure to "An Act to Establish the Maine Job Growth Fund" and "An Act to Establish a Capital Access Program."

This bill has been carried over to the 2nd Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

**LD 1556 An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the
Economic Growth Council**

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED