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GOVERNOR JOSEPH E. BRENNAN

to the

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

One Hundred and Tenth Legislature

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Honorable Men and Women of the 110th Maine Legislature:

One week ago today, I stood among my fellow governors, facing the west front of the Capitol, as another chief executive spoke to the leaders of government and to the people of his hopes and goals for the future.

It was, as he stated, the orderly and peaceful transfer of leadership from one political party to another.

It was the culmination of a constitutional process.

But it was also the result of a mandate of the people as a whole, a message sent so clearly from the voting booth, that no one in public life could miss its implications:

- Stop the growth of government.
- Curtail the spiraling cost of doing the peoples' business.
- Stop intruding into our lives.
- Redefine our notion of what government can and should be doing.

As the President spoke, I found myself reflecting on Maine.

I believe we anticipated that message long ago. It found its first embodiment in the election six years ago of Governor Longley.

To many Americans, the national government has taken it upon itself to assume powers which neither the states nor, increasingly, the people wish it to have.

At the same time, underlying the actual words that were spoken and, indeed, permeating the entire atmosphere of Washington last week, was a tone and an attitude with which I could not agree.

It was a belief that government itself is the cause of our problems.

I reject that idea. I believe the people of Maine reject it.

Government at all levels may have taken on too many responsibilities, tried to do too many things, and in fact may well have created major problems by trying to solve small ones.

But the sins and mistakes of government have often been caused by an excess of good intentions.

Washington, D.C. may not really understand Washington County.

But that doesn't make Washington, D.C. or City Hall or this Legislature enemies of the people.

And it would be a mistake for President Reagan or the Maine House and Senate or my Administration to misinterpret the message of the people last November.

It was not a mandate to bring the wheels of government to a dead stop. But rather, it was a message to us that they expect better government — not more government.

And it is in this spirit that I submit to you my legislative program for 1981.

It is a program which is consistent with the budget I presented two weeks ago, a budget which recognized — for the first time in recent history — that programs can be eliminated as well as added. This program respects the will of the people to check the growth and power of government. But it also recognizes that government must still take action to further the common good.

There are bills to address problems which cannot be responsibly ignored, bills to make government do a better job, bills that are consistent with improving the quality of life for the 1980's.

CORRECTIONS

Among the most urgent priorities is corrections.

The budget I have proposed underscores the importance of making improvements to the State Prison.

The budget recommendations, however, do not exist in a vacuum.

There are necessary changes which must be made if we are to continue our efforts to provide a decent, humane and workable corrections system.

Accordingly, I am proposing the creation of a separate Department of Corrections because I believe this will place greater public and government focus on our corrections problems.

A separate Department will have more accountability.

It will end the insensitive policy of placing the mentally ill and retarded together with criminal offenders under a single bureaucratic umbrella.

The greatest single problem area within corrections is the host of difficulties related to the State Prison. These problems exist because of the very nature of a maximum security facility, but they have been compounded by overcrowding, physical deterioration and lack of attention over the years.

This Administration has made a good start at reducing what had become, by this time last year, the potentially explosive conditions there.

Two bills in my program are intended to continue our progress there.

During the past year, we established a minimum security facility at Charleston. Its greatest benefit to the state has been that of easing the dangerous overcrowding at Thomaston. It enables our corrections officials to assign offenders to the most appropriate facility for the individual's needs.

Legislative authorization is required to make this facility a permanent state institution.

I am proposing another bill that will also ease conditions at Thomaston and, we hope, contribute to the successful return of prisoners to society.

A few years ago, we tried to address inequities in the law by eliminating parole.

Many in our criminal justice system would agree that abolition of parole has not worked. The certainty of a fixed term has not served as a deterrent. The prison has become more crowded. And inmates have no incentive to work toward early release.

I am proposing a bill to allow some inmates to qualify for parole — with supervision — after serving at least half of their terms.

It provides flexibility to a rigid system.

It holds out the opportunity for early release through a cooperative attitude and personal progress.

Passage of these three bills will continue the progress we've made since we took control of the prison last April.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Protection of the public from the dangers that affect us all is a basic responsibility of government.

In the 1950's, we set out to improve the quality of our water.

In the 1960's, we undertook air quality improvement programs, and in the 1970's land quality became a principle focus of our environmental efforts.

In the 1980's, the challenges grow more complex, and if we are to continue to safeguard our environment, we must again take action.

I am proposing that we create an environmental health unit.

We do not understand all the immediate and long-range health threats we have created for ourselves and for future generations.

We have seen the great public health threats from substances that have been introduced to our environment.

Mercury was found in the Royal River in Yarmouth.

Quantities of the chemical tris were carried away when the Piscataquis River flooded.

A truck loaded with propane gas overturned in Falmouth.

The ground water supply was contaminated in Gray.

An environmental health unit will give state government the capability of investigating, assessing and acting to solve these problems.

I believe this unit is overdue and urgently needed to address what is potentially our greatest public health problem of the 1980's.

State government has also begun serious examination of the problems of hazardous waste.

My Administration is proposing the establishment of a hazardous waste fund.

It is similar in design to the successful Oil Conveyance Fund. Those who create or transport hazardous waste would be required to pay a small fee for each gallon of hazardous waste they create or handle.

This fund and the toxic waste unit it finances will enable the state to administer an effective, responsive hazardous waste program.

Let me briefly mention three other proposals under the general heading of health and safety.

First, I have asked a cabinet subcommittee to evaluate the recent report on the problem of drivers who operate under the influence of alcohol.

The committee will report to me shortly, and I will submit what I promise will be very tough legislation against this intolerable social menace.

Secondly, I have a bill to address one of the leading causes of death of young children by setting standards and requirements for safety restraints for children under four years of age in cars.

Third the recent outbreak of rubella in Sanford has reawakened our awareness of the dangers of many diseases for which effective vaccines

now exist. Because these diseases are no longer as common as they once were, many have become lax about immunization. I am submitting legislation to ensure that all school children will be properly protected against German measles, polio and other diseases.

ENERGY

Developing a comprehensive, cohesive energy plan for Maine's future has been one of the most demanding responsibilities of my Administration for the past two years.

We have developed an integrated, forward-looking program that encourages public and private conservation and public and private resource development.

Part of this comprehensive program is the extensive energy legislation I have submitted, bills that will have a lasting impact on the people of Maine.

They include two bills that require your immediate attention.

Both are aimed at overcoming the federal government's decision to remove federal allocation controls. These controls will expire no later than this fall. However, according to responsible published reports, the Reagan Administration may permit them to lapse as early as February 1st, less than one week away.

Therefore, I am asking your immediate attention to a bill to require petroleum dealers to give notice of at least one year before they reduce or discontinue supplies to their customers in Maine — or to locate an alternative supplier before withdrawing from the Maine market. This bill is necessary to protect us from the shortages that could result from the sudden curtailment of supplies following federal deregulation.

A second bill will guarantee that we will continue to have necessary information about existing petroleum supplies within the state. My bill would require suppliers to report their deliveries in Maine to the Office of Energy Resources on a monthly basis. We have already learned the hard way how important this information can be in offsetting the effects of shortages.

I also wish to call your attention to some of the other bills I am introducing this year.

We propose to end the customer service charge, a step toward encouraging fuel conservation and helping those consumers who use very little electricity.

We are calling for authorization to require our major electric utilities

to assist customers with financing for energy conservation improvements in their homes. Conservation of this type may well avoid the need to build costly new generating facilities.

We are proposing a bill to allow the PUC to purchase electricity from Canada for resale to Maine utilities.

Another bill will ensure the public interest is adequately represented in the deliberations of the PUC by creating a public staff to evaluate rate requests from the consumer's point of view.

We are underscoring our commitment to the development of renewable resource technology through a bill to use bonding authority to finance low-interest loans for energy development projects.

Our proposals include bills to encourage energy audits, to promote ridesharing, to continue energy efficiency improvements to state government buildings, and to improve our weatherization program for low-income people.

Another bill would extend the Housing Authority's loan program to enable owners of apartment houses to apply for low-interest energy-efficiency improvement loans.

I urge your close attention to these and our other energy initiatives, for no area of public concern more directly relates to our future independence and success as a state and as a nation.

There is one other energy topic I would like to address.

I do not plan to introduce any legislation concerning nuclear power in light of the statutes already on the books.

However, there is great public interest and concern over Maine Yankee's application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to expand the capacity for the storage of spent fuel.

This issue is sufficiently important and timely to warrant your attention at this time.

Tomorrow, the NRC will publish in the Federal Register a new notice of hearing on the Maine Yankee application. Within the next 30 days, the state will have to file the necessary documents to indicate what role we intend to play in the consideration of the application.

According to NRC regulations, it is possible for the state to participate without taking a position for or against the proposal.

I know that some legislators and your Subcommittee on Radioactive Waste have recommended this approach — that of participating but not stating a position for or against.

I, as Governor, have decided after careful consideration that the state must take stronger, more aggressive action.

Therefore, I have decided that the state will intervene in the proceedings as a full party in opposition to the Maine Yankee proposal.

Tomorrow, in accordance with our laws, I will ask the Attorney General to begin the intervention process.

I may request an appropriation to fund the state's intervention, if additional funds are necessary.

Let me assure you that this decision has been carefully weighed.

Maine Yankee should be required to prove the safety of its plan every step of the way.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Another major category of legislation reflects my Administration's commitment to economic development. It is the tool by which we can mold a healthier business climate for our farmers, manufacturers, tourist industry, merchants, and for those who might consider locating their firms in Maine.

Perhaps the single most important bill I will submit this session is the \$29 million bond issue I described in my Budget Message.

It includes \$23 million for the cargo port development projects which will do so much to improve our export capability.

The bond issue also includes \$6 million for the construction of centralized potato storage and packing facilities. This will give Maine potato producers facilities similar to those available to their competitors. It is a central element in efforts to promote a high quality product and to improve our share of this market.

In addition, this bond issue includes a provision that up to \$3 million of the cargo port funding go toward the construction of a centrally located feed grain transfer facility.

It is no exaggeration to state that the feed grain facility could mean the difference between survival or extinction for Maine's poultry industry.

Maine's producers need a more equitable rail rate structure, and this can only come about through volume shipments — and adequate storage and handling facilities are required to take advantage of these better shipment rates.

Last year, the 109th Legislature enacted most of my proposed Agricultural Development Act.

This year, we propose to build upon this success with bills to improve the marketing system for agricultural commodities.

I am submitting a proposal to improve the marketing of potatoes.

It includes a provision to change the branding law to make the packer whose name appears on the container responsible for the contents, and another provision licenses packers to ensure better coordination of quality control.

Like Agriculture, the fishing industry is receiving enthusiastic cooperation from my Administration in its efforts to rebound from a period of hard times.

Among my proposals is a bill to create a state Groundfish Council, which would enable producers to act cooperatively to build market creditability through careful quality control, and to locate new markets.

Tourism is, of course, another major industry closely tied to our natural resources.

In addition to my budget proposals to enhance our tourism promotion programs, I am submitting a \$2.5 million bond issue for the development of new state park facilities in the following places: the Bangor area, Colonial Pemaquid in Bristol, Little Chebeague and Jewell Islands in Casco Bay, Laudholm Farms in Wells, Aroostook and Kennebec Counties, and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

These new facilities will increase accessibility to — and enhance the use of — recreational and historic sites which are enjoyed and appreciated by Maine residents and visitors alike, and which contribute to the quality of life, while also contributing to the tourist industry.

My economic development program includes these additional initiatives:

First, I am proposing a bill to make office buildings eligible for funding through municipal revenue bonds.

This would help stimulate more innovative and comprehensive community development efforts and would be especially helpful in communities that are struggling to develop greater economic stability.

Second, I am introducing legislation to broaden the scope of the Jobs Investment Tax Credit. This tax credit approach can be a powerful tool to help encourage businesses to move to Maine. It should also be used to assist existing businesses to create job opportunities.

I wish to mention one final economic development proposal.

It's a bill to provide for the financing of new housing construction through the Maine State Housing Authority.

My bill would provide for additional financing of \$125 million.

Over 3500 jobs would be created as a result of this bill.

GOVERNMENT REFORM FOR THE 80's

A significant portion of my legislative program includes bills to streamline government and to improve government finances.

I am proposing legislation to deregulate the trucking industry within Maine.

My bill would eliminate the PUC's Transportation Division, saving the state 14 jobs, and would consolidate all truck and safety enforcement within the Department of Public Safety. This bill also deregulates intrastate rail, bus and moving van service.

Another deregulation measure would strip away an unnecessary layer of government for local water companies.

It would allow municipal and quasi-municipal water districts, departments and companies to set their rates without the approval of the PUC. These districts and companies are already accountable to the public through the public election or appointment of trustees. My proposal will not apply to privately owned companies whose operations are not subject to any public accountability other than through the PUC.

One other bill comes under the general heading of reducing government controls.

I intend to submit a measure to turn the retail sale of liquor over to the private sector — where it belongs.

I believe the private sector is perfectly capable of selling a bottle of liquor.

And the state is perfectly capable of realizing as much revenue with this reform.

These three measures all propose important streamlining of government controls.

One other bill in my program is aimed at improving an important government process.

I am again offering a bill to eliminate the necessity of convicting drunk drivers and other offenders twice before they're really convicted.

My bill will speed up the system, reduce court dockets, reduce waste

and inefficiency in our courts — and make a positive contribution to our criminal justice system.

Several bills in my program are aimed at reforming government finances to cope with the realities of the 1980's.

My budget process proposes the first step toward undedicating the Highway Fund by eliminating gas tax allocations to the Department of Public Safety and the Division of Motor Vehicles during the second year of the biennium.

I am submitting legislation to complete the process by treating the gasoline tax the same as our other revenue sources.

I am introducing a bill to allow the state to keep money seized in drug raids.

And I am submitting legislation permitting the state to apply refunds owned to individuals and firms toward any debts against the state these same individuals and firms may owe.

I am also proposing a bill to support our efforts to improve Maine's credit rating. My bill would take \$1 million each year from the state's surplus to create a reserve fund of up to \$10 million. This account would be used to cover defaults which may occur on Maine Guarantee Authority loans. Creation of this reserve fund would be a long stride toward Maine's recovery of its AAA credit rating.

QUALITY OF LIFE

I believe deeply in the idea that every government activity directly relates to improving the quality of the lives of its citizens, whether that means providing safe roads, prosecuting offenders, regulating business, creating job opportunities or helping an elderly person maintain her own household.

This is not a policy.

It is an obligation.

It is not a luxury.

It is our job.

And this obligation is even more important in the cases of those individuals who, because of physical or emotional health problems, personal difficulties or weaknesses or special circumstances, have highly personalized needs.

Accordingly, I am submitting several bills that recognize government's

responsibility to ensure that compassion, fairness and respect for the individual remain at the forefront in our dealings with our citizens.

This bill will make it state policy that all those who care for this special class of citizens always act in a manner that is highly sensitive to their rights. Its cornerstone is the belief that the mentally ill have the right to the least restrictive environment and the most appropriate treatment that can be provided. It details explicit regulations to ensure that care for the mentally ill be undertaken with respect and dignity.

One of the most stressful and traumatic of all human experiences is the breakup of a family. I am asking this Legislature to protect the precious right of privacy of those involved in divorce and child custody proceedings by treating these cases as confidential. This legislation declares that the individual's dignity is more important than the public's right to gossip.

I am proposing legislation to help handicapped workers. It would allow the state to purchase the products of sheltered workshops on a non-competitive basis. We already have authorization to make such purchases from facilities serving and staffed by blind workers. The purchase of quality goods and services by the state will create new revenues for sheltered workshops and will create expanded work opportunities for the handicapped.

I am submitting legislation to address the educational needs of the most severely handicapped among our school-age children. My bill would enable the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to provide assistance on an extended school year basis to approximately 3 percent of the students who have special education needs. This group will benefit because the extended school year is necessary to sustain their learning progress, which cannot be maintained on a schedule that is adequate for the majority.

It is an unfortunate fact of modern life that there is an increased prevalence of abused, neglected and abandoned elderly people unable to fully care for themselves. I am proposing legislation that will make a greater effort on the state's part to help them. My measure is a modest but significant attempt to deal with this troubling problem.

The state is the legal guardian for some 2200 children. Yet these children are being adopted at a rate of only 50 to 60 a year. I am convinced that many Maine families would make permanent homes for some of these unfortunate children if the financial penalty were reduced. I am submitting legislation to assist with the costs of their education. This bill takes a step toward placing more children in permanent homes.

CONCLUSION

This legislative program and the budget I have submitted are, I believe, the kind of leadership which those we represent want for the 1980's.

There is no major expansion of government. But neither are we sounding retreat.

We are implementing programs to take government out of areas that the private sector can do better.

We are working together with the private sector to enrich the opportunities for our working people.

And we are meeting the needs, as we must, for those among us whose only hope for a better life is our help.

January 27, 1981

Governor Joseph E. Brennan's
Legislative Program
110th Legislature
1st Regular Session

An Act to Improve the Quality of Packing and Marketing Maine Potatoes.

An Act to Revise the Securities Act.

An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Medicare Supplement Insurance Policies.

An Act Pertaining to Home Warranty and Service Contracts.

An Act to Reorganize the Department of Business Regulation to Insure the Independence of Regulators.

An Act to Provide for a Mining Trust Fund.

An Act to Improve the Community Industrial Building Program.

An Act to Amend the Jobs and Investment Tax Credit.

An Act to Amend the Municipal Securities Approval Act.

An Act to Amend Special Education Statutes for Support of Special Education Programs and Services Provided in Excess of the Normal School Year.

An Act to Support Regional Rideshare Programs.

An Act to Require Certain Public Utilities to Submit a Plan to the PUC to Provide Financing to Customers for Energy Conservation and Renewable Resource.

An Act to Establish an Energy Audit Program for Commercial and Small Industrial Buildings.

An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Purchase Electric Energy for Resale on a Non-profit Basis to Electric Utilities Serving this State.

An Act to Remove the Customer Charge from Electric Utility Rate Structures.

An Act to Reorganize the PUC Staff in order to Ensure Representation of the Public Interest in the Regulation of Public Utilities.

An Act to Require Primary Suppliers to Report Deliveries of Petroleum Products to the Office of Energy Resources.

An Act to Prohibit Suppliers from Reducing or Discontinuing Supplies of Petroleum Products to Maine Customers.

An Act to Establish a Hazardous Waste Fund.

An Act to Establish a Lakes and Ponds Restoration Grant Program.

An Act to Authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Technical Assistance to Municipalities Regarding Solid Waste Management.

An Act to Establish a Maine Guarantee Authority Reserve Fund.

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1981.

An Act to Make Appropriation and Allocations for Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1982 and for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1983.

An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations from the General Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983.

An Act Making Appropriation from the General Fund for Teachers' Retirement and Changing Certain Provisions for the Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983.

An Act to Increase the Bonding Limitation on MSHA Bonds Secured by the Housing Reserve Fund.

An Act to Amend the Definition of Home Improvement Note Set Forth in the Maine Housing Authorities Act.

An Act to Protect Persons with Children Against Discrimination in Fair Housing.

An Act to Establish a Maine Set-Aside Program.

An Act to Concerning the Protection of Incapacitated and Dependent Adults.

An Act to Amend the Subsidized Adoption Law.

An Act to Establish an Environmental Health Program.

An Act Relating to Immunization of Children Prior to Entering School.

An Act to Create a Bill of Rights for Nursing and Boarding Home Patients.

An Act Establishing the Women's Training and Employment program.

An Act to Create a Maine Groundfish Council.

An Act to Establish a Board of Prison Terms and Supervised Release.

An Act to Create the Charleston Correctional Facility.

An Act Authorizing and Directing the Bureau of Mental Health to Enhance and Protect the Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services.

An Act to Provide Compensation and Benefits Agreed to by the State and Council #74, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for Employees in the Institutional Services Bargaining Unit.

An Act to Include Money in the Law Regarding the Forfeiture of Property Used or Intended for Use in Violation of the Criminal Law Relating to Drugs.

Resolution, Proposing An Amendment to the Constitution to Undedicate the Highway Fund.

An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,800,000 for Highway and Bridge Improvements.

An Act to Establish the Salary Range for the Director of the Office of Energy Resources.

An Act to Protect Privacy in Divorce and Child Custody Actions.

An Act to Require Fire Detectors in All Residential Buildings.

An Act to Provide for the Set-Off Against Individual Income Tax Refunds of Debts Owed to the State or Collectible by the State.

Bond Issue — Cargo Ports, CENPAK, Feed Grain.

Bond Issue — State Parks, Energy Conservation, and Airports.

An Act Relating to the Election of Jury Trials.

An Act to Limit the State's Retail Liquor Sales Operations.

An Act to Deregulate the Intrastate Trucking Industry.

An Act to Deregulate Determinations of Rates for Publicly Owned and Operated Water Utilities.

An Act Requiring Motorists to Protect Children in Motor Vehicles by Use of Approved Child Safety Devices.

An Act to Make Allocations from the Highway Fund and Appropriations from the General Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983 and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operation of State Government.

An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Personnel to Undertake a Study of Pay Equity between Men and Women.

An Act to Revise the Maine Travelers Information Service Act.

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The following bills have been submitted by various Departments of state government, approved by the Governor, and will be introduced for consideration by the Legislature.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES

LD 12 An Act to Simplify the Procedures of Regulating Dams

LD 380 An Act to Improve the Marketing of Maine Agricultural Products

LD 114 An Act Relating to the Licensing of Dealers in Certain Agricultural Commodities

LD 4 An Act Relating to Pesticide Registration

LD 19 An Act to Amend the Maine Pesticide Control Act of 1975 to Fund Research Relating to Public Health

LD 83 An Act to Remove the Responsibility for Carrying Out Dog Licensing Laws from the Animal Husbandry Specialist

BUSINESS REGULATION

- LD 213 An Act to Conform the Maine Consumer Credit Code to the Federal Truth in Lending Simplification and Reform Act
- LD 39 An Act to Regulate Variable Rate Consumer Credit Transactions
- LD 7 An Act Relating to Permits and Inspection for Electrical Installation in Commercial Buildings Under the Electricians Law
- LD 6 An Act to Overrule Federal Pre-emption of Certain Maximum Rate Ceilings of the Maine Consumer Credit Code
- LD 66 An Act to Amend Sub-Chapter 3 of Chapter 57, Title 24-A, M.R.S.A. "Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act" to Increase Liability of Association Member Companies
- LD 189 An Act to Set Standards for Reinsuring Powers of Domestic Assessment Mutual Insurance Companies
- LD 282 An Act to Update and Clarify Legislation Concerning Agencies Within or Affiliated with the Department of Business Regulation
- LD 343 An Act to Require Installation Manuals for Solid Fuel Burning Equipment Other than that used for Central Heating
- LD 90 An Act to Amend the Manufactured Housing Act

CONSERVATION

RESOLVE, Providing for Revision to the Land Use Regulation Commission's Fund Use Handbook, Section 6 "Erosion Control on Logging Jobs"

- LD 5 An Act to Amend the Annual Timber Cut Report Requirement to Include Fuelwood under the Annual Timber Cut Report
- LD 3 An Act to Amend the Maine Christmas Tree Law to Include Registration for Transportation

DEFENSE AND VETERANS SERVICES

An Act to Revise the Military Laws of the State of Maine

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES

- LD 302 An Act to Amend Educational Statutes to Provide for the Computation of Board and Care and Rate Approval by the Commissioner

- LD 230 An Act to Amend School Construction Laws
- LD 298 An Act to Clarify the Education Laws
- LD 220 An Act to Amend the Law Relating to the Licensing of Privately Owned Business, Trade and Technical Schools
- LD 328 An Act to Amend the Law Relating to the Authorization for Degree Granting Authority for Higher Education Institutions
- LD 221 An Act to Amend the Law Relating to the Regulation of Privately Owned Correspondence Schools
- An Act to Provide an Alternative Article for Approving School Budget Allocations and Appropriations
- LD 13 An Act to Provide a Mechanism for the Management of Archaeological Field Projects Involving Students in Anthropology and Archaeology
- LD 8 An Act to Simplify the Due Process Requirements for Special Education
- LD 56 An Act to Preserve Maine's Archaeological Heritage
- LD 243 An Act to Repeal Identified Outdated Statutes and to Consolidate and Update Certain School Health Services and Practices as they Relate to Communicable Diseases

ENERGY RESOURCES

- An Act to Exempt Employers from Workers Compensation Laws as They Relate to Employer Sponsored Rideshare Programs
- An Act to Establish a Certification Program for Building Energy Auditors in Maine
- LD 193 An Act to Revise the Voluntary Training and Certification Program for Installers of Solar Energy Equipment in Maine
- An Act to Include Energy Projects and Agricultural Enterprises in the Guarantee Authority and to Set Aside 2.5 Million Dollars of the Guarantee Capacity for Energy Projects
- An Act to Provide for Municipal Development of Energy Resources

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- LD 382 An Act to Amend the Hazardous Waste Statute to Meet

Certain Requirements for Delegation of the Federal Program
and to Provide Internal Consistency

LD 215 An Act to Revise the Law Regarding Discharges into Certain
Lakes

An Act to Permit Open Burning of Brush and Demolition
Debris

LD 216 An Act to Adopt a Lead Emission Standard Under the Laws
for Protection and Improvement of Air

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

LD 2 An Act to Adopt Federal Withholding Requirements for
Payments to Certain Non-resident Alien Individuals, Foreign
Corporations, and Partnerships

LD 14 An Act to Clarify the Definition of Resident Individual in the
Income Tax Law

LD 77 An Act to Amend the Standard Interest Provision for the Tax
Laws from 9% to 12%

LD 151 An Act Providing for Administrative Changes in Maine Tax
Laws

LD 383 An Act to Make Allocations from the Department of Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30,
1982 and June 30, 1983

LD 387 An Act to Allocate Moneys for the Administrative Expenses
of the State Lottery Commission for the Fiscal Years Ending
June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983

LD 393 An Act to Make Allocations from the Maine Coastal
Protection Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982
and June 30, 1983

LD 388 An Act to Allocate Moneys for the Administrative Expenses
of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages, Department of Finance
and Administration, and the State Liquor Commission for the
Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983

HUMAN SERVICES

LD 217 An Act to Conform Confidentiality Requirements of the
Maine Committee on Aging with the 1978 Older Americans
Act Amendments

LD 108 An Act Concerning the Assignment of Rights of Recovery

- LD 287 An Act to Require Joint Licensing of Residential Facilities and Programs for Children
- LD 36 An Act to Amend the Juvenile Code Regarding the Emancipation of Juveniles
- LD 320 An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act
- LD 116 An Act Relating to Conflict of Interest Under the Medicaid Program
- LD 196 An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Laboratory Act
- LD 97 An Act to Increase the Eating, Lodging and Recreational Place Licensing Fee
- LD 74 An Act to Amend the Eating, Lodging, and Recreational Place Licensing Law
- An Act to Amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act
- LD 223 An Act to Clarify Plumbing and Subsurface Sewage Disposal Laws
- An Act to Amend an Existing Law Pertaining to Conversion of Seasonal Residences in Shoreland Areas
- LD 95 An Act to Change the Name of the Bureau of Resource Development

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

- LD 9 An Act to Clarify the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws of Maine
- An Act to Provide an Income Tax Check-off for Voluntary Contributions to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
- An Act to Revise the Maine Hunting License
- An Act to Revise the Live Fish Laws

MANPOWER AFFAIRS

- LD 335 An Act Changing the Name of the Department of Manpower Affairs and Clarifying the Term of its Commissioner
- LD 89 An Act Relating to the Special Administrative Expense Fund and Errors in the Benefit Payments Under the Employment Security Law
- LD 87 An Act Relating to the Period for Establishing Employer Contribution Rates Under the Employment Security Law

- LD 353 An Act Relating to Boilers and Pressure Vessels and their Operation
- LD 118 An Act Relating to Safety and Health Regulation of Compressed Air Work, Public Sector Farm Workers, and Variance Procedures
- LD 310 An Act Relating to the Per Diem for the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation
- LD 402 An Act Relating to Unemployment Compensation Benefits for Persons Receiving a Pension or Retirement Pay
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- LD 20 An Act Providing for Maine State Housing Authority Financing of ICF Group Homes for the Retarded and Persons with Related Conditions
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- LD 96 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Statutes to Allow the Secretary of State to Enter Into the Nonresident Violator Compact

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- LD 37 An Act to Modify Certain Rules of the Road to Conform with the Uniform Vehicle Code

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