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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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

COMMITTEE: ST GOVT

LD: 4 AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AGENCIES FROM
EMERGENCY PURCHASING REAL PROPERTY
ND: 774

MARTIN J

OTP-ND HPO630 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

CH #340

SUMMARY:

See LD 774, the new draft of LD 4.

LD: 5 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF ALL
EMERGENCY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS INVOLVING THE STATE HOUSE

DIAMOND J
VIOLETTE
CLARK N
HAYDEN

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 5 proposed that no changes to, improvements or construction on the State House and surrounding grounds can be undertaken unless the alterations, improvements, or construction are part of a plan that have been approved by the Legislature.

The legislation, in the emergency preamble, stated that the Legislature, under current provisions, is unable to exercise any control with respect to improvements or alterations made to the State House. This is particularly true with respect to immediate or soon-to-occur improvements and alterations.

There are two statutes that address this issue. Title 3 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 162, sub-§12 provides that the Legislative Council has the authority to:

- A. insure adequate physical facilities are available for the efficient operation of the Legislature;
- B. provide for and determine the use of legislatively controlled facilities within and outside the State House; and
- C. assign use of all rooms in the State House, except the immediate offices of the Governor, for chairpersons of legislative committees and legislative staff.

In 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§§15 and 18, the Department of Finance and Administration, through the Bureau of Public Improvements, is authorized to:

A. possess general supervision of the State House and surrounding grounds;

B. make repairs and alterations connected with the State House and surrounding grounds; and

C. to assign rooms in all buildings used by the State for offices and determine the occupancy thereof.

The bill was withdrawn at the request of the sponsors who believe that the Legislature has the necessary authority over the use and operation of the State House and grounds.

LD: 32 AN ACT CONCERNING NONPARTISAN OFFICES HELD STROUT
EMERGENCY BY MEMBERS OF THE STATE POLICE PEARSON
ND: 616 SOUCY

OTP-ND HPO467 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Please refer to LD 616, the new draft of LD 32.

LD: 45 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS DOW
AND RECREATION TO CONVEY BY DEED THE INTEREST BROWN L
OF THE STATE OF MAINE IN CERTAIN PARCELS OF STEVENSON
REAL PROPERTY CONNERS

OTP-AM HOUSE Finally Passed RESOLVE
SENATE Finally Passed CH # 1
GOV SIGNED

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SUMMARY:

LD 45 proposed to return, at no cost to the municipalities, 3 parcels of property currently owned by the Bureau and used as boat landings as described as follows:

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ACQUISITION COSTS</u>	<u>RECENT VALUA- TION COSTS</u>
1. Town of Unity	5.5 acres	(1969)1,000	None
2. Town of Millbridge	5.0 acres	(1970)No cost	"
3. Town of Monmouth	60.0 acres	(1970)\$26,000	"

In addition, the Bureau of Parks and Recreation proposes to sell 5.6 acres of property initially acquired for a public boat access facility in Gardiner.

ACQUISITION COST AUG. 31, 1983
APPRAISAL