

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

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The bill was withdrawn at the request of the sponsors who believe that the Legislature has the necessary authority over the use and operation of the State House and grounds.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 AND RECREATION TO CONVEY BY DEED THE INTEREST OF THE STATE OF MAINE IN CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DOW  
BROWN L  
STEVENSON  
CONNERS

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

S-4 CA H S

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

1. Town of Gardiner-5.6 acres \$9,535(1969 \$15,000

The bill, as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-4), requires the municipalities to retain, operate, and maintain the properties for public, outdoor recreational purposes, including public boat access sites. In the event that the property is not maintained or operated as required, the property reverts to the State.

In general, the Bureau of Parks and Recreation has been returning property to municipalities at no cost and to be maintained as public recreational sites in order to avoid expensive maintenance costs.

LD: 95 RESOLVE, CREATING A JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
EMERGENCY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (REPORTED PURSUANT TO A  
STUDY REPORT FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE)

OTP-AM		HOUSE Emer. Finally Passed		
		SENATE Emer. Finally Passed		CH #45
		GOV		
H-344	CA		H	S
H-412	CA	GWADOSKY	H	S
S-277	CA	N CLARK	H	S

SUMMARY:

The original bill proposed to establish a 15 member Joint Select Committee on Economic Development. The Committee, composed of legislators, persons from the private sector, and two state government officials, was directed to prepare an economic development strategy for the State to provide a central direction to Maine's economic development and business assistance programs. The strategy would include goals and objectives, a structure by which economic development programs could be best implemented, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of small business assistance services. The Select Committee would be required to hold a minimum of 4 hearings throughout the State.

The bill as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-344) proposed that the legislative members of the Committee be selected from the Committee on State Government, and the chairpersons of the Select Committee would be the current chairpersons of the State Government Committee. In addition, the committee amendment broadened the scope of the Select Committee's activities to include the determination of the most effective role for state government in economic growth and development, the creation of priorities for state economic development efforts, the needs of small business in Maine, and the need for small business advocacy in Maine. The committee amendment also requires the select committee to evaluate