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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.

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

the effect on Maine of the changing role of the federal government and the economic development activities of other states.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-277), which was adopted, restored the provisions of the original bill with respect to legislative members and the chairpersons of the Select Committee. The Select Committee will have a minimum of 5 members from the private sector and 8 members who may be legislators. The Select Committee will select its own chairperson.

LD: 96 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BUSINESS ASSISTANCE
EMERGENCY REFERRAL PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE (REPORTED PURSUANT TO A STUDY ORDER
FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE)

OTP-AM		HOUSE Enacted			
		SENATE Enacted			CH #464
		GOV			
H-49	CA		H	S	
S-343	CA	PEARSON	H	S	

SUMMARY:

LD 96 proposed to establish a central business assistance referral office within the State Development Office to refer business people to the appropriate state agencies that can assist them. The Director of the State Development Office is required to advertise the service throughout the State. In addition, this office is required to develop a list of services and assistance available to new and expanding businesses by type of service and by organization. The State Development Office will be assisted in this endeavor by the various economic development agencies of the State

The program proposed in LD 96 is the only business assistance referral or directory service in the State of Maine. This program does not provide funds for economic development, loans, managerial or technical assistance, or marketing services. The referral service will refer clients to agencies that provide these services.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-343), which was adopted, reduced the \$75,000 appropriation for the biennium to \$40,000, and the referral service will be implemented in the second year of the biennium (begins on July 1, 1986).