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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

LD:

295

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A
CERTAIN UNUSED BUILDING AND LAND OWNED BY
THE TOWN OF WELLS

TUTTLE
MCPHERSON
WENTWORTH

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 295 proposed that the Attorney General convey title and ownership of a former state police building and property located on route 1 in Wells to the town of Wells for the sum of \$10,000. In the event that the building should not be used for a municipal purpose or title to the property should be transferred, the property would revert to the State.

This bill had been presented to the Committee on State Government during the First Regular Session of the 11th Legislature (LD 342 - replaced by LD 1325). At that time, jurisdiction of the vacant building had been transferred from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Conservation and had been targeted for fire control purposes.

The Department of Conservation and representatives of the Governor's office opposed the conveyance of the property because the \$10,000 price tag, in their opinion, was too low. A professional appraisal of the property in 1983 indicated that the fair market value of the property was roughly \$80,000. The opponents to the conveyance argued that the State should not release ownership of valuable property at no cost or at a very low cost to a new owner.

The Committee on State Government during the 11th Legislature, however, unanimously endorsed the sale of the property for \$10,000. This decision was based on the significant number of parcels of land conveyed annually from the State to the municipalities at no cost to the recipients. In addition, the appraised value of the property is based on its location (Route 1) and for its highest and best use (commercial). Since the town of Wells could use the property only for a governmental purpose and could not sell the property, the \$10,000 proposal did not seem as unacceptable as the executive agencies indicated.

Currently, the former state police building is declared to be surplus property, and jurisdiction lies with the Bureau of Public Improvements within the Department of Finance and Administration.

The Department of Finance and Administration points out that a professional appraisal conducted in July, 1984, establishes fair market value of the property at \$85,000. The Department has allowed the Wells Police

Department to use a couple of rooms in the building. In addition, the Department has offered to sell the building to the Town of Wells and allow the Town to pay the just value price over a 5 or 6 year period (from revenue sharing funds of roughly \$200,000).

According to the Department of Finance and Administration the State planned to sell the building (through an agent) in the fall of 1984, and that there are a number of interested buyers willing to pay the just value price. The Department, however, at the request of several legislators, has delayed any action in order for the State Legislature to make a decision with respect to this property.

The bill was withdrawn in favor of another bill, LD 467.

LD: 331 AN ACT TO PREVENT COMBINING MORE THAN ONE WEBSTER C
BOND ISSUE SUBJECT IN A SINGLE BOND ISSUE SPROUL
BILL HICHBORN
WENTWORTH

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 331, which is the same bill as LD 338 presented to the Committee on State Government during the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature, proposes that every project for which bonds are proposed to be issued and to be approved by the voters shall be submitted to the voters as a single question. The bill prohibits combining different projects into a single question for voter approval unless the projects are very closely related.

The types of projects and bonds that are (excluded) not governed by the prohibitions in the bill include:

- A. Bonds pledging the faith and credit of the State to guarantee loans by the Finance Authority of Maine;
- B. Bonds issued by the Maine School Building Authority;
- C. Bonds not exceeding \$1,000,000 in total, to insure mortgage loans for the construction and rehabilitation of Indian housing of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indian tribes;
- D. Bonds pledging the faith and credit of the State to guarantee loans under the Maine Veterans Small Business Loan Program; and