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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT  
BILL SUMMARY



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substantive authority and impact upon the State. Unlike most other substantive boards and commissions which have powers and duties similar in degree of authority and are subject to Legislative scrutiny of the membership, the Lottery Commission is entirely divorced from the Legislature. As a result, by implication, the Lottery Commission and its Director occupy a "most-favored Board Status" compared to similar organizations.

There are some boards that share the same status as the State Lottery Commission, but a significant majority of the substantive boards require legislative review and confirmation.

Boards with Members who are  
Not subject to Legislative  
Review and Confirmation

1. Maine Milk Commission
2. State Claims Board
3. Maine Turnpike Authority
4. Maine Port Authority
5. State Board of Arbitration & Conciliation
6. Panel of Mediators
7. Maine School Building Authority
8. Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority
9. Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board

LD: 408 EMERGENCY ND: 1333	AN ACT TO REDUCE THE LENGTH OF THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE SESSION FROM 100 DAYS TO 90 DAYS AND SET A CALENDAR DEADLINE OF APRIL 15TH	MICHAUD MARTIN J PRAY VIOLETTE
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OTP-ND HPO928 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

Please refer to LD 1333, the new draft of LD 408.

<b>LD:</b>	<b>410</b>	AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	KANY DILLENBACK GWADOSKY ANDREWS
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HOUSE Ref'd to Committee  
SENATE Ref'd to Committee  
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 410 proposed to establish a \$500,000 venture capital fund to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine to finance the production of new products, innovations and inventions leading to new products, and new production processes in the State. A ceiling of 60% of

total product development costs is placed on the state's investment in any one firm. In addition, priority of venture capital investments is given to businesses dependent upon defense customers/contracts for more than 50% of the gross income generated by the business within the State. These types of businesses qualify for the investments if the investments will generate new products for customers other than defense customers/contracts. Second in priority are individual businesses on which a municipality or region has substantial reliance with respect to employment and economic activity.

The venture capital investment fund would be replenished by a 5% royalty of annual sales of the new product.

The bill is being held over until the Second Regular Session in order to study means of financing the proposal. There were insufficient General Fund revenues to finance the venture capital fund.

LD: 435 AN ACT TO GRANT CERTAIN POLITICAL RIGHTS TO  
ND: 1434 STATE EMPLOYEES

TUTTLE  
BUSTIN  
PRAY  
BEAULIEU

OTP-ND SPO533 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

Please refer to LD 1434, the new draft of LD 435.

LD: 436 RESOLVE, REGARDING A STUDY OF THE PERSONNEL  
EMERGENCY LAW

KANY  
COTE  
BOUTILIER  
GWADOSKY

OTP-AM HOUSE Emer. Finally Passed  
SENATE Emer. Finally Passed  
GOV EMER SIGNED

RESOLVE  
CH # 17

S-35 CA H S

SUMMARY:

This resolve is intended to determine the extent to which the Department of Personnel with current resources is able to respond to the needs of state agencies. This resolve requires the Commissioner of Personnel to determine the length of delays to fill current and new positions in State Government following approval of the applicants and the new positions. This resolve also requests the Commissioner of Personnel to determine the extent to which the department is computerized and the cost savings that could be realized from computerizing the record-keeping, position inventory and application systems.