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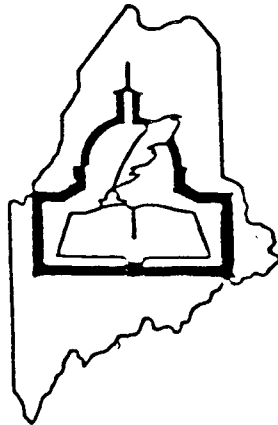
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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th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

LD:

488 AN ACT TO DIVEST STATE MONEY FROM BUSINESS
INVESTING IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA

BAKER H
MARTIN J
RICHARD
MATTHEWS Z

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee
SENATE Ref'd to Committee
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 488 proposed to prohibit the investment of State monies by the State Treasurer and the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System in any bank or financial institution that invests directly or through a subsidiary in the Republic of South Africa or Namibia. In addition, these State monies are also prohibited as investments in corporations or firms or their subsidiaries which do business with the Republic of South Africa or Namibia.

The purpose of the bill is to remove Maine as any financial source of support to a racially discriminatory regime.

The committee requested and received permission to hold the bill until the Second Regular Session. The Committee also endorsed a Resolution, HP 1117, "Requesting Limitations on Investment and Divestiture of Public Funds in the Republic of South Africa and Namibia." A Resolution was introduced and passed both Houses that condemned apartheid and requested the State Treasurer and the Maine State Retirement System to divest their portfolios of investments in firms that have not signed the Sullivan Principles. In addition, the Resolution requested the State Treasurer and Maine State Retirement System to consider the means by which all their investments in South Africa may be divested. The State Treasurer and the Maine State Retirement System have been requested to report their progress to the State Government Committee by January 1, 1986.

A strongly worded letter opposing apartheid has been sent to Prime Minister Botha and to the President of the Republic of South Africa. A copy of the Resolution was included with the letter.

LD: 502 AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION ON THE
FINANCIAL NEEDS OF MAINE SMALL BUSINESSES

TUTTLE
PRAY
BUSTIN
MARTIN H

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

SUMMARY:

LD 502 proposed to create a 15 member commission composed

of public sector and private sector representatives to study the financial needs of Maine small business. The study would include evaluations of

- 1) the effectiveness of the current system of meeting the financial needs of small business;
- 2) loan guarantees vs direct loans;
- 3) the use of existing sources of business financing by small business;
- 4) the degrees of awareness of small business of available financing options; and
- 5) the degree of meaning of the terms, "small business."

The bill proposed to authorize the commission to employ professional staff and consultants. An appropriation of \$25,000 was provided for the biennium to pay for expenses and per diem rates of \$60 per day for members who are not state employees.

The bill was withdrawn in light of a study to be conducted by a Special Joint Select Committee on Economic Development, created by LD 95, to study economic development issues, including financing.

LD: 503 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO COMPLY WITH ANDREWS
 MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES GOVERNING THE DILLENBACK
 CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS

OTP-AM		HOUSE	Enacted		
		SENATE	Enacted		
		GOV			
S-123	CA			H	S
S-211	CA	ANDREWS			
S-227	CA	KANY		H	S

SUMMARY:

LD 503, in original form, proposed to require all state construction projects or improvements to comply with municipal ordinances governing the construction and alteration of buildings. All state owned or leased buildings are to be subject to municipal inspection.

According to the Statement of Fact, municipal fire and police protection agencies need to know the internal layout and the construction of state buildings to provide the best protection possible. Currently, state owned/leased buildings are not subject to local ordinances.

The Committee amended the bill to require that the