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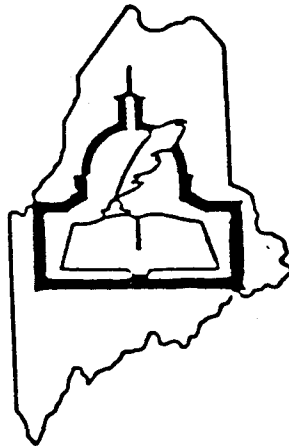
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teachers as it relates to teaching the learning disabled, on screening practices for detection of learning disabilities, on current placement practices and on methods of coordinating services.

CA-S-70: The Committee Amendment increases the membership to 19 to broaden the experience and knowledge of the committee.

LD: **570** AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATIVES TO ATTENDANCE TRAFTON
 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOUTILIER

ND: 1258

OTP-ND SPO455 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
 SENATE Accepted Committee Report
 GOV

SUMMARY:
See New Draft LD 1258.

LD: 603 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A 10% CONTINGENCY IN THE LACROIX
 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT SERVICE LIMIT PRAY
 MATTHEWS K
 NADEAU G G

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
 SENATE Enacted CH # 469
 GOV SIGNED

H-63 CA
S-342 SA PEARSON

SUMMARY:
The cost of school construction is an allowable cost under the School Finance Act. there has been a limit as to the total amount of debt service costs which can be subsidized through the School Finance Act. This limit was raised from \$30 million to \$35 million in the September 1985 Special Session. Even with this increase there is a back log in the number of schools seeking approval to construct new or renovate old schools. The original bill would have given the State Board the authority to increase the debt service limit by 10% if there was an "unusually heavy local demand for high priority school construction." It was anticipated that a 10% increase would have eliminated the waiting list of high priority projects in 5 to 10 years. The bill would have become effective on July 1, 1986.

Due to the lag in approving projects and selling bonds, it would not have resulted in an increase in state costs until FY 1987-88. The yearly cost starting in that year would have been \$1,925,000.

CA-H-63: The Committee Amendment added a fiscal note.

SA-S-342: The Senate Amendment removed the future cost of the bill by allowing the State Board to initially approve