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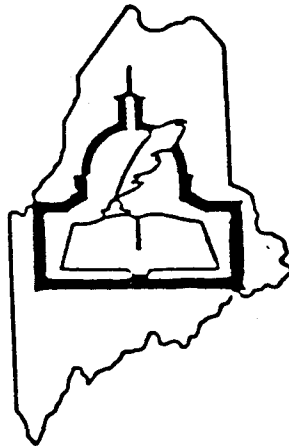
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teachers as it relates to teaching the learning disabled, on screening practices for detection of learning disabilities, on current placement practices and on methods of coordinating services.

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
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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

projects up to 10% above the \$35 million debt service limit, but it retained the \$35 million cap on final approval for funding. Those given initial approval under the 10% rule but not given final funding would be placed at the top of the priority listing for the following year. The effect of the amended bill would be to guarantee that the state approved projects up to the full \$35 million limit each year., It would also assure that those projects which just missed being funded in one year would be guaranteed funding in the following year.

LD: 621 AN ACT CONCERNING UNIFORM TEACHER EVALUATION STANDARDS FOSS BROWN A
 ND: 1420

OTP-ND HPO989 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
 SENATE Accepted Committee Report
 GOV

SUMMARY:
 See New Draft LD 1420.

LD: 641 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL PRAYER TUTTLE HICHENS

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

SUMMARY:
 State statutes presently allow school board to require a "period of silence" "at the commencement of the first class each day." The bill would have mandated school boards establish a "period of silence or prayer."

LD: 655 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OGARA BOST DEXTER GAUVREAU
 EMERGENCY

OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC
 SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 470
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H-76	CA		H	S
H-80	CA	A BROWN	H	S
S-337	CA	PEARSON	H	S
S-362	CA	PEARSON		