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STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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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.

agency would be initially financed by a \$100,000 appropriation from the General Fund. The appropriation would be repaid at a rate of 10% per year.

According to Mr. Norman Rodrique, the Department of Conservation has roughly 400 vehicles including pick-up trucks and automobiles. Most of these vehicles are used "in the field" and approximately 50 vehicles are used in the Augusta area. The vehicles are allocated among various bureaus and divisions within the Department. The Bureau of Forestry and the Bureau of Parks and Recreation are the agencies with the most vehicles in the department.

The agencies have a very traditional and restricted attitude toward lending their vehicles to other bureaus within the department which promotes each organization to obtain its own vehicles. Thus, each bureau purchases and maintains vehicles without regard to what other agencies do with their vehicles. The vehicles are not regularly and properly maintained, according to the department.

The Department of Conservation estimates that during the first year a pilot project involving the department's 50 vehicles in the Augusta area be involved in the rental program. The Department of Conservation would rent the 50 vehicles to bureaus and agencies within the department and to other agencies on the East side of the Kennebec (DEP; Agriculture, etc.).

LD:	1202	AN ACT TO INVOLVE THE LEGISLATURE IN	PRAY
		ESTABLISHING EQUAL PAY FOR JOBS OF COMPARABLE	DIAMOND J
ND:	1559	WORTH IN STATE GOVERNMENT	PERKINS
			MURPHY T

OTP-ND	SPO594	HOUSE Accepted Committee Report	
		SENATE Accepted Committee Report	CH #289
		GOV	

SUMMARY:

Please refer to LD 1559, the new draft of LD 1202.

LD:	1204	AN ACT TO CREATE A STATE COMMITTEE TO DEAL	MACBRIDE
		WITH POST-SECONDARY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL	GWADOSKY
		EDUCATION	COTE
			SMITH C W

LV-WD	HOUSE Accepted Committee Report70
	SENATE Accepted Committee Report
	GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 1204 proposed to establish a committee under the State Board of Education to administer and operate the vocational technical institutes in Maine. The bill did not address the issues of greater flexibility for the institutes with respect to personnel and allocation of funds.

The Committee decided to give LD 1204 a "leave-to-withdraw" in order to work with LD 196 which was passed out as LD 1639 in new draft.

LD: 1241 AN ACT RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF STATE-OWNED REAL ESTATE SPROUL WENTWORTH

OTP-AM HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

H-243 CA H S
H-328 CA L HIGGINS H S

SUMMARY:

LD 1241 proposed a state policy for the disposition of surplus state property. The original bill authorized the Department of Finance and Administration as the only agency of State Government to sell surplus state property. The bill proposed that municipalities, counties, and property abutters, in that order, be given priority for any surplus state property offered for sale. A floor of 25% of the appraised value was established as a minimum sales price for municipalities and counties which could be charged 100% of the appraised value. The bill also contained a reverter clause providing that whenever property sold to a municipality or county ceased to be used for a public purpose, ownership of the property reverted to the State.

Committee Amendment "A" redefined appraised value, exempted the Bureau of Taxation, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Transportation from the bill, and provided that whenever a municipality or county paid the full appraised value for surplus state property, the reverter clause would not be included in the transfer.

House Amendment "A" (H-328), amended the amendment to remove abutters as priority purchases of property except in cases of tie bids.

The bill failed to receive passage in both houses. This may have been the result of the \$50,000-\$150,000 fiscal note on the bill which the Department of Finance and Administration put on the bill. This was not an actual loss but only a possible future reduction of revenues from surplus state property sales if the property was sold at less than the appraised value.