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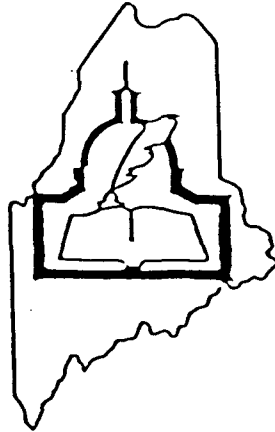
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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

4. Provides that any public money made available to the commission shall be made available equally to all political parties represented on the commission. The bill limited the money to 2 political parties which intended to apply to the Democratic and Republican Parties. In the future, a 3rd or 4th political party could be the major party or the ranking minority party represented in the House of Representatives or Senate. Thus, 3 or 4 parties could be represented on the commission.

**LD** AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAINE COURT FACILITIES  
**1504** AUTHORITY

Sponsor: CARPENTER, Kane  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 1504 was referred to the Committee on State Government from the Committee on Judiciary at the end of the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The bill was held by the Committee until the Second Regular Session.

LD 1504 proposed to establish an independent State agency with the authority to issue bonds, notes, and loans, the proceeds of which could be used only to construct, reconstruct, or improve court house facilities. The bonds would be paid with revenues derived from rental charges paid by the courts to use the new court buildings. The rental fees, supposedly, would be provided in the budget and approved by the Legislature for the judiciary.

The Committee was concerned about:

1. the lack of criteria for membership on the Authority,
2. the absence of a limit on the amount of bonds that could be outstanding at any one time,
3. the fiscal note of \$25,000 which assumes the equivalent of one person for 1 day per week,
4. several other costs not specifically addressed by the fiscal note,
5. establishing another independent agency when an existing agency such as FAME could undertake the responsibility, and
6. the circumvention of general public approval for new court room facilities.

The State Government Committee voted to defeat the bill following its deliberations during the Second Regular Session. The Committee was reluctant to provide for the construction of court facilities without approval of the citizens to be served by the facilities. In addition, the committee was very concerned about the ability of the Judiciary, through the Court Facilities Authority to construct facilities without review by the Executive or Legislative branches.

Another concern centered around the need for new facilities constructed at State expense. Since most court facilities are currently rented, a feasible alternative appears to use new or reconstructed facilities constructed by the private sector.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MAINE-NEW HAMPSHIRE  
1525 BOUNDARY COMMISSION

PL 1985  
c. 555

Sponsor: CROWLEY, Chalmers, Rolde  
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-276 CA  
H-499 CB H S  
S-322 HICHENS

SUMMARY: LD 1525, proposing the creation of a Maine-New Hampshire Boundary Commission to establish a lateral marine boundary, was introduced during the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The bill was held until the Second Regular Session. Similar legislation was vetoed by Governor Sununu of New Hampshire and the State Senate upheld his veto.

During the Second Regular Session, the State of New Hampshire indicated a willingness to pass similar legislation.

LD RESOLVE, CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF LITTLE  
1539 JEWELL ISLAND

ND LD 2206

Sponsor: CLARK, N.  
Committee Report: OPT-ND-NT