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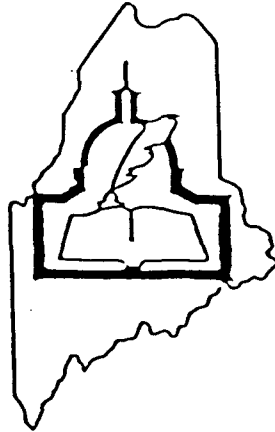
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

LD
2176
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER OF STATE TO
TEMPORARILY INVEST EXCESS MONEY INCLUDING
BOND PROCEEDS IN TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

PL 1985
c. 757

Sponsor: VIOLETTE, Gwadosky, Cote
Committee Report: OTP

H-639 GWADOSKY   H   S

SUMMARY: This bill allows the Treasurer of State, with the
concurrence of the State Controller or the Commissioner of
Finance and Administration, and with the consent of the
Governor, to invest excess money, including unspent bond
proceeds in tax-exempt obligations and tax-exempt trusts
and funds. House Amendment "A" defines tax exempt
obligations as tax exempt commercial paper and tax-exempt
bonds maturing in less than 2 years. If H.R. 3838, 99th
Congress, First Session, the "Tax Reform Act of 1985," is
enacted into law in its current form, these investments in
tax-exempt obligations will allow the State to retain
several hundreds of thousands of dollars of arbitrage
earnings each year which otherwise would have to be rebated
to the Federal Government.

LD   AN ACT TO AMEND THE RULE-MAKING PROCEDURES OF
2180   CERTAIN AGENCIES

ND LD 2341

Sponsor: GWADOSKY, Hichborn, Lacroix, Andrews
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT

SUMMARY: LD 2180 proposed to repeal provisions requiring
specific types of rules of a very limited number of
agencies, primarily the Department of Environmental
Protection, to be approved or reviewed by various
legislative committees.

The purpose of the bill was to bring Maine law regarding
rules review and approval into compliance with the United
States and Maine Constitutions. In 1983, the U.S. Supreme
Court rendered a decision in the Chadha vs the U.S.
Immigration and Naturalization Service that struck down the
veto power of the U.S. Congress over executive agency
rules. The court ruled that the Congressional veto power
over the rules of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization
Service was a violation of the Separation of Powers
Principle in the United States Constitution.