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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: PARADIS P, Hickey, Perkins
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 702

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 702

Sponsor: MARTIN J,
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill clarifies the status of the Maine Veteran's Homes as a governmental entity. It provides the same immunity from tort liability as is available to other state agencies, authorities and departments. It also authorizes the board of trustees to seek assistance, counsel or advice from other departments or agencies of the State. These would include the Bureau of Purchases and the Attorney General's Office.

Sponsor: BAKER, Webster M, O'Gara, Martin J.
Committee Report: OTP-A (Majority)
ONTP (Minority)

Amendments Adopted:
H-163 COMMITTEE MAJ REP

SUMMARY: The bill requires the Treasurer of the State and the State Retirement System to divest current and prohibit future investments of state funds in any financial institutions, companies, corporations or subsidiaries which extend credit to or do business in or with the Republic of South Africa or Namibia. The bill requires the Treasurer of State and the Board of Trustees to review current investment policies and investments by July 1, 1988.

As originally drafted, divestment also would have had to have been completed by July 1, 1988. The committee amendment (H-163) to the bill changed the divestiture date to July 1, 1992. It also exempted short term investment funds which commingle commercial paper or futures and index funds which represent a broad representation of the market. With the five year delay in final implementation of the divestiture and the exemption of the index and other

short term funds, the Retirement System does not project any significant cost from divestiture. Finally, the committee amendment required the Retirement System to use its stock-share-vote to encourage companies to divest their holdings in South Africa during the five year transition period .

LD AN ACT TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD LVWD
361 OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT
SYSTEM

Sponsor: JALBERT, Greenlaw, Perry, McSweeney
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have added a member to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System. The new member would have been elected by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

LD AN ACT TO MAKE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ONTP
364 MEMBERSHIP OPTIONAL FOR EMPLOYEES IN PART-
ICIPATING LOCAL DISTRICTS THAT ESTABLISH AN
ALTERNATIVE PENSION SYSTEM

Sponsor: MANNING,
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Presently, participating local districts provide retirement, disability and survivors benefits under one of three options. They can provide Social Security alone, Maine State Retirement alone, or both. Under state statutes, a district can elect to withdraw from State Retirement as long as it provides Social Security. Social Security does not allow districts to withdraw.

The bill would have made participation in the State Retirement System optional even if a district did not participate in Social Security as long as the district enacted an ordinance establishing a system of pension benefits for its employees. The employee could choose to belong to the State Retirement System or the district's independent pension plan.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF LVWD
383 TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE VETERANS' HOMES

Sponsor: MARTIN, Davis
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have increased the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Home from 10