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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

instance, if a hurricane is approaching and it would be prudent for the Governor to activate the National Guard to assist in the evacuation of coastal islands, under present law, the Governor, lacking creative interpretation of the law, cannot order a mobilization until "the fact that a civil emergency exists," as such that the hurricane has actually struck. Naturally, waiting until the storm has struck to evacuate persons by helicopter, etc., endangers the evacuees and the rescuers.

LD AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE CITIES AND TOWNS TO DISPLAY INDEF PP
1476 THE PRISONER-OF-WAR AND MISSING-IN-ACTION FLAGS

Sponsor: KETOVER, Clark, H., Jalbert, Pray
Committee Report: OTP (Majority)
ONTP (Minority)

SUMMARY: LD 1476 would mandate that towns and cities display the prisoner-of-war and missing-in-action flags in order to honor those soldiers who served as prisoners of war and those who never returned home.

LD AN ACT TO REASSIGN THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF ONTP
1482 ENERGY RESOURCES

Sponsor: ARMSTRONG, Usher, Ludwig, Ridley
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)
OTP-A (Minority)

SUMMARY: LD 1482 proposed to abolish the Office of Energy Resources and assign powers and duties between the State Planning Office and the State Development Office. The bill also made other changes within the duties of the State Planning Office. Specifically, the bill proposed:

- A. To increase the salary of the Director of the State Planning Office and the Commissioner of Defense and Veterans' Services from Range 89 to Range 91;
- B. To extend the scope of the responsibility and purpose of the State Planning Office to include: assistance in the development of economic, energy, fiscal and regulatory policy; management of the state's natural and physical resources; identification of issues and problems of long term significance; formulation of a biennial state energy resources plan; coordination of policies for the development of the state's energy resources, including collection of data and encouragement of research, experiments, and demonstration projects; proposing policies and recommendations in the areas of public investment and taxation, energy resources, and state regulatory policy;

administration of a program of energy research; administration of the reporting requirements relating to petroleum inventories and deliveries; administration of the State Petroleum Set Aside Program; application to Superior Court for a subpoena to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, records, etc., and the State liaison with the U. S. Department of Energy.

- C. To repeal some current duties and responsibilities of the State Planning Office, including: advising the Governor and Legislature with respect to State, regional and community planning; the coordination and preparation of goals for the State.
- D. To change the scope of authority and duties of the State Development Office to include: the administration of federal energy programs, including the: State Energy Conservation program, Energy Extension Service, and the Institutional Conservation Program; adoption of energy conservation standards for buildings; review of plans and specifications for buildings and inspection of buildings to assure their compliance with energy conservation standards; administration of energy efficiency standards for appliances; providing advice to the Finance Authority of Maine in determining technical eligibility and merit of applications for energy conservation loans; administration of the Regional Ride Share Services Matching Fund Program; preparation of pamphlets concerning insulation materials; administration of an express warranty program for the sale and installation of solar energy equipment; publication of an installation instructional manual for wood stoves and solid-fuel heating systems and equipment; the provision of technical assistance to municipal energy commissions; the provision of an installation training course for solar energy equipment; and the issue of energy auditors' certificates.

The minority reported a bill out of committee to maintain the Energy Office with respect to energy conservation matters, public information, and energy rebate programs. Energy planning and development would be transferred to the State Planning Office.