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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

to meet increases in jail population from the net gain of prisoners as reflected in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1203, subsection 1, and section 1252, subsection 1.

**LD  
1567**

AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS  
REAL ESTATE

INDEF PP

Sponsor: SPROUL, Wentworth, Tuttle, Gould, R. R.  
Committee Report: ND of LD 548  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-152 CARROLL

SUMMARY: LD 548 proposed a state policy for the disposition of surplus state property. The Department of Finance is the department designated 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. Surplus state property is defined as property for which the agency of jurisdiction and any other state agency has no need or cannot use. A floor price of 25% of the appraised value was established as the minimum sales price for municipalities and counties which can also be charged 100% of the appraised value. If the surplus property is sold to a municipality or county at less than the appraised value and the property ceases to be used for a public purpose, the property reverts to the State. If a municipality or county pays the full appraised value price, the reverter clause no longer applies.

Excluded from the provisions of the bill were: public land swaps, land purchased with federal money and subject to federal regulation, the Department of Conservation; the Department of Transportation; and the State Tax Assessor.

The new draft, LD 1567, makes technical corrections and some substantive changes. This new draft:

1. Establishes the Department of Administration in which the Bureau of Public Improvements is located, as the administering agency with respect to the sale of surplus state-owned real estate;
2. Exempts real estate of the Maine State Retirement System from the provisions of this new draft;
3. Provides a procedure by which state-owned real estate is determined to be surplus. The Bureau of Public Improvements, upon notice by a department to the bureau to sell state property, will notify other state agencies to determine whether they have a need or use

for the property. If no state agency declares a need or use for the property, the property is considered surplus and it may be sold by the Bureau of Public Improvements;

4. Allows the Bureau of Public Improvements to sell state-owned real estate to abutters with encroachments and easements on state property;
5. Raises the minimum price for sale to municipalities and counties from 25% to 50% of the appraised value of real estate; and
6. Empowers the Bureau of Public Improvements to reject bids and portions of bids offered for surplus state-owned real estate.

LD 1579 AN ACT TO REESTABLISH THE BUREAU OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ND LD 1837

Sponsor: GILL, Manning, Kimball, Baldacci  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1837

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1837.

LD 1624 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY FOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STIPENDS PL 1987 c. 431 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: STROUT, B., Lacroix, Hussey, Gould, R.R.  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-266 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 1624 provides the Bureau of Human Resources with the authority to use stipends as a means of recruiting or retaining employees in State job classifications for which there are recruitment and retention problems. The wage and salary schedules for the approximately 1400 job classifications in state government are based on a number of different factors, but labor market conditions is not a variable in the determination of salaries and wages for state employees. The purpose of LD 1624 is to take labor market conditions into account, particularly competition for specific job skills from the private sector which may contribute to recruitment and retention problems for some state job classifications.

The committee amended the bill by adding a July 1, 1989, sunset provision.