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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

school administrative unit where the project exists. The amendment gives the commissioner the option of providing for the inspection or of issuing a written response to the petitioner's explaining why he or she chose not to. The amendment also requires the petitioners to certify that they have brought the question of compliance to the attention of the unit superintendent and have not received satisfactory results. Finally, this amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill. Since this amendment reduces the potential number of inspections which the commissioner would be required to arrange, the fiscal impact would be less than for the original bill.

LD RESOLVE, TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON POST-
1772 SECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCING

INDEF. PP
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: BOTT, Pearson, Norton
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1188
H-297 BOST

SUMMARY: The original resolve established a task force on post-secondary education financing to study current financial aid resources available to students seeking higher education, and ways to adapt the programs to better serve those in need of financial aid. Membership on the task force included representatives of the banking industry, secondary school guidance personnel, financial aid administrators, affected students or parents, and the Legislature.

The new draft (LD 1772) expanded the membership to include both a student and a parent, and 6 financial aid officers representing the range of higher education institutions in the state. The new draft also clarified the appointment and convening procedures, amended the reporting date, revised the appropriation, provided for staff assistance and refined the mission of the task force. Areas of study included:-

1. Trends in the level and mix of loan, grant, and work study programs;
2. Assessment of financial aid needs of Maine students and the effectiveness of available programs at meeting them;
3. Coordination of federal, state, and other programs;
4. Financial aid for graduate students;
5. Availability of financial aid program information; and
6. Other relevant matters.

The Task Force on Post-secondary Education Financing would have submitted its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education on or before February 1, 1988.

The House amendment would have changed the appointment process for members of the task force.