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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

LD
1771

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND VETERANS' SERVICES
OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN BANGOR, FRONTING
MAIN STREET, FOR 2 PARCELS OF LAND AT THE
BANGOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BEING PART OF THE
FORMER DOW AIR FORCE BASE

RESOLVE 1987
c. 41

Sponsor: LEBOWITZ, Duffy, Maybury, Baldacci
Committee Report: Engrossed Without Reference

SUMMARY: By unanimous vote of the Bangor City Council on 27 May 1987, the City of Bangor will transfer ownership of a 178-acre parcel of land on the southwest corner of Bangor International Airport to the State, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 301, subsection 2, for Maine National Guard construction of a combined reserve forces training center. Also, the city will grant the United States Air Force a 50-year lease to the alert aircraft parking area on the southeast end of the 33 runway for use by military aircraft.

The State of Maine will relinquish, in turn, the Bangor State Armory to the city through this legislative action. The appraised value of the armory property is \$900,000.

The State needs clear title to the 178-acre parcel so that the property may be leased to the Federal Government. This will permit the Maine National Guard to program federal funds for construction in fiscal year 1989. Similarly, once a lease agreement has been obtained from the City of Bangor for the aircraft parking area, federal funds can be requested for repair and maintenance. A reversion clause in the lease stipulated that the lease area will revert to the City of Bangor if the Alert Aircraft Parking Area is not used for 10 years following the signing of the lease. The total exchange package is contingent upon approval of the Legislature to quit claim the Bangor Armory to the City of Bangor in return for a quit-claim deed of the 178-acre parcel described in this Act and 50-year lease of the Alert Aircraft Parking Area to the United States Air Force; the State of Maine will in turn lease the 178-acre parcel to the United States Air Force, subject to the addition of adequate funding by the United States Congress.

LD
1796

AN ACT TO ALLOW INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF
STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

PL 1987
c. 487

Sponsor: TUTTLE, Rotondi, Bustin, Bickford
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1040
Amendments Adopted:
H-323 CARROLL

SUMMARY: LD 1796 is a new draft of LD 1040. LD 1796 provides that classified state employees may be candidates

for elective office in partisan public elections for local or county office. State employees running for partisan elected offices on the local and county level, however, may not solicit campaign contributions.

LD 1040 proposed to remove many of the restrictions against classified employees with respect to running for elected office in municipal and county partisan elections and with respect to soliciting campaign funds. State officers and employees would be prohibited from soliciting any other persons with whom they deal in an official capacity. A state officer and employee would also be prohibited from soliciting funds for political campaigns during state working hours and on state property.

The bill establishes the director of the Bureau of Human Resources (agency replacing the Department of Personnel on July 1, 1987) as the one to make the determination whether a state employee is subject to the federal Hatch Act, which removes the burden of this determination from the state employee.

LD	AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR ALLOCATIONS	PL 1987
1819	OF THE STATE CEILING ON PRIVATE-ACTIVITY BONDS	c. 413
		EMERGENCY

Sponsor: PRAY, Martin, J., Perkins
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1358
Amendments Adopted:
H-333 CARROLL

SUMMARY: State law (P.L. 1985, c. 594 and P.L. 1987, c. 3) requires the Legislature and the Governor to approve the allocation of Industrial Development Bonds (IDBs). Federal law requires legislative approval beginning in January 1988.

Currently, there is a "cap" or ceiling of \$250,000,000 on the issue of tax exempt private activity bonds (IDBs) which has been established by the federal government. Beginning January 1, 1988, the ceiling will drop to \$150,000,000. The "cap" applies only to bonds used to assist private ventures. If more than 10% of a bond issue will benefit a private interest, the entire issue is subject to the cap.

An industrial development bond is a bond issued by a governmental agency that does not pledge the faith and credit of the state and is used to finance various types of projects. The bonds are paid off by revenues derived from the projects. There are tax-free public activity bonds and tax-free private activity bonds. The tax-free private activity bonds are subject to the federally imposed bond ceiling and are used to assist the private sector with low cost financing.

LD 1819 requires that the Legislature allocate the