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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

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as determined by the MSHA in regard to the Housing Opportunities for Maine Program (HOME). Between 10 and 20 percent of the eligible applicants for MSHA guaranteed loans for single family housing can meet the monthly mortgage requirements, but cannot provide the 5% down payment. This down payment could be as much as \$3,500, which may be extremely difficult for a low income family to save.

The bill was amended by Committee Amendment "A" which increased the tax exempt mortgage bond ceiling of the MSHA from \$635,000,000 to \$885,000,000. The increase in the MSHA tax exempt bond ceiling would enable the authority to conduct a final sale of these bonds to keep the single family home program in operation for 2 years.

Unless federal legislation is enacted to change current law, the sale of tax exempted mortgage purchase bonds for housing will be prohibited as of January 1, 1989.

**LD 2207** An Act to Incorporate Economic Growth and Development and Growth Management in Transportation Planning (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Economic Development Committee) **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
ONTP

SUMMARY

LD 2207 proposed to require that economic growth and development and growth management be considered by the State and its municipalities in developing transportation plans. In addition, any municipality receiving funds from the Department of Transportation would be required to develop comprehensive municipal transportation plans. Municipalities, in lieu of a municipal plan, could join with other municipalities to develop a comprehensive regional transportation facilities plan.

The bill required the State and its municipalities to consider the impact of proposed transportation projects and plans upon existing community businesses; land values; growth and development patterns; and community identity.

**LD 2215** An Act to Establish an Interagency Task Force on Affordable Housing **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
GAUVREAU  
ANDREWS  
GWADOSKY  
CARROLL  
LV/WD

SUMMARY

LD 2215 proposed to establish a 15 member Interagency Task Force on Affordable Housing to develop a comprehensive approach to the housing shortage in Maine. The task force would consist of 5 members from state agencies concerned with housing, 3 legislators, 2 municipal officials, 2 housing developers, 2 local housing directors, and a representative from a community action agency.