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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::

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

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**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	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**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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.

The task force would serve as an on-going coordinating committee to effectively coordinate and target limited resources to address the affordable housing crisis. In addition, the task force was charged to:

1. Review the problem in Maine, including the areas in which the problem occurs currently, the expected needs for housing by the year 2000, and the major obstacles to providing affordable housing;
2. Review federal policies;
3. Look at approaches in other states;
4. Analyze the problem of homelessness in Maine; and
5. Develop a comprehensive plan that coordinates and targets resources and programs of different agencies at all levels to effectively address the problem.

The comprehensive plan would be reported, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

The bill was withdrawn. A copy of the bill was sent to the Governor's Task Force on Affordable Housing with a request that the task force review the bill and its contents. In particular, the Governor's Task Force was asked to consider recommending a coordinating and monitoring interagency and intergovernmental committee to coordinate limited resources to address the affordable housing problem.

LD 2217 An Act to Facilitate the Collection and Organization of Data for Effective Use in State Government (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Economic Development Committee) PUBLIC 701

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-557 MAJ REP
	ONTP	MIN	H-575 CROWLEY

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to establish an interagency data coordinating committee to determine the means and costs by which data, collected by several different agencies and necessary for economic development and planning, could be organized and easily adopted to any designated geographical units.

The data would be collected by municipalities and any other geographical unit proposed by the coordinating committee and approved by the Governor and Legislature. The coordinating committee also would be required to develop a uniform format for the collection of the data.

The coordinating committee would report its findings and recommendations, including costs and implementing legislation to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.