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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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SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN LV/WD
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SUMMARY
LD 2526 proposed to require a developer who, in the process of constructing housing, displaced low or moderate income households, to construct or find housing for these displaced tenants. The serious shortage of affordable housing for low and moderate income households is intensified by the conversion of low and moderate income rental housing to condominiums and upper income housing.

LD 2526 was withdrawn by the sponsor and sent to the Governor's Task Force on Affordable Housing for task force consideration.

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JALBERT S-388 ANDREWS
HOLLOWAY
BUSTIN

SUMMARY
New Draft Of LD 2048

The original bill proposed that public housing (constructed with state or federal monies and housing a minimum of 10 family units) meet an additional standard whenever construction, remodeling, or enlargement costing more than \$75,000 is undertaken after October 1, 1988. Following this date, 20% of all ground level units and 10% of all upper level units connected by an elevator would be required to be handicapped accessible.

The new draft provides with respect to public housing construction beginning after October 1, 1988, that 10% of all ground units and 10% of all upper story units of public housing connected by an elevator be handicapped accessible. In addition, the Commissioner of Human Services is required to establish a central clearinghouse of information concerning handicapped accessible housing standards and costs, and the location and type of handicapped housing throughout the State for which there is a need.

The committee found that there is a serious lack of information relating to handicapped housing availability and housing needs of handicapped persons throughout Maine. In addition, the cost of new construction of handicapped housing requires roughly an additional 1/2 of 1 percent of total construction costs for conventional housing.