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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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

**LD 2584 RESOLVE, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Public Lands
Located in the City of Bangor**

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve authorized the Commissioner of Administration, through the Bureau of Public Improvements, to undertake on behalf of the State the sale of property located in the City of Bangor, for which neither the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, to which the property is currently entrusted, nor any other state agency has any current or anticipated need.

After conducting an appropriate legal title search and obtaining a market value appraisal, the commissioner would advertise the property for sale to the highest bidder, while retaining the right to reject any or all bids in the event that in the commissioner's judgment they are unresponsive.

Net proceeds from the sale would have been deposited as undedicated General Fund revenue of the State.

Testimony concerned the sale of an asset that has been appreciating at a rapid rate for funding state government. Many opponents argued that government operations should not be funded from the sale of capital assets.

**LD 2585 RESOLVE, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Public Lands
Located in the City of Augusta**

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve authorized the Commissioner of Administration, through the Bureau of Public Improvements, to undertake on behalf of the State the sale of property located in the City of Augusta, for which neither the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, to which the property is currently entrusted, nor any other state agency has any current or anticipated need.

After conducting an appropriate legal title search and obtaining a market value appraisal, the commissioner would advertise the property for sale to the highest bidder, while retaining the right to reject any or all bids in the event that in the commissioner's judgment they are unresponsive.

Net proceeds from the sale would have been deposited as undedicated General Fund revenue of the State.

The issue of selling capital assets to fund state government operations was a major issue addressed by opponents to the bill.