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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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CLARK N GOULD R R GWADOSKY DAVIS	OTP-AM	S-462

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Maine Educational Loan Authority. As originally drafted the purposes of the authority are to provide supplemental loan assistance to students for post-secondary study and to assist post-secondary institutions in financing expansion of their facilities. The authority is authorized to issue and sell bonds and to use the funds from that sale to accomplish those purposes. Thirty-five million dollars of the state's \$150 million bond ceiling for 1988 is allocated to the authority and a cap of \$50 million is established for authority bonds outstanding at any given time. A 7-member board is established to operate the authority.

The committee amendment deletes authority to finance higher education facilities from the authority's duties because that responsibility is performed by the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority. The amendment also makes several necessary changes in the original bill, including providing for legislative review and confirmation of the public members, requiring an annual report by the authority to the Education Committee (the original bill required reporting to the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate) and establishing a sunset review cycle for the authority.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SMITH MATTHEWS K HANDY		S-550 COLLINS

SUMMARY

After they were not included in the second errors bill of the Session, the provisions of this bill were introduced and referred to the Education Committee on the last day of the Session. The bill provides that a vacancy may be declared on a school board or school committee in a school administration district, a community school district or a municipal school district if a member is absent without excuse from three consecutive regular board or committee meetings.

The Senate amendment provides that the vacancy provisions of the bill do not apply in municipalities which are governed by a municipal charter.