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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-18

SUMMARY

The original bill created a Maine Greenbelt Commission to advise the Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning on issues and needs for municipalities related to acquiring open space and recreational lands. The bill also requires towns to implement programs for open space acquisition consistent with their comprehensive plans.

The committee amendment (H-18) reassigns the activities of the Maine Greenbelt Commission proposed under the original bill to the existing Planning Advisory Council. This 7-member group advises the Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning on the implementation of the growth management laws. The council is required to report on the need to help municipalities with open space acquisition and planning.

The amendment also replaces the word "acquisition" with "creation" in section 2, in recognition of the many methods available to ensure the protection of open space areas in addition to acquisition.

LD 248 An Act to Strengthen Land Use Management in Maine's
Unorganized Territories

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM MAJ
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-571 MAJ REP
S-325 WEBSTER

SUMMARY

The original bill proposed to repeal the 40-acre lot exemption from the law controlling subdivision review in Maine's unorganized territories.

The majority report (H-571), which was accepted, allows for up to 10 lots of at least 40 acres in size to be created without subdivision review by the Land Use Regulation Commission. In recognition of this higher limit, the 500 acre lot exemption is removed. It also allows transfers between family members to not count as a lot. The majority report also removed the emergency preamble from the bill.

The minority report (H-572) allowed a majority of the residents of a township to petition the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to count lots of 40 or more acres as lots for the purposes of subdivision review.

Senate amendment A to Committee amendment A (S-325) requires the Commission to process subdivision applications within 60 days of receiving the application.