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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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

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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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LD 273 An Act to Allow Municipalities to Assess Impact Fees for
Activities that Create or Intensify Problems for
Municipalities with Respect to the Availability of
Affordable Housing

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorized municipalities, in preparing affordable housing provisions for municipal comprehensive plans, to develop a schedule of impact fees for activities that decrease the availability of affordable housing. The revenues derived from these fees would be used to alleviate the affordable housing problem in each municipality. The impact fees, as well as the definitions of activities that decrease the availability of affordable housing, would be subject to public hearings.

The bill raised a Constitutional question concerning affordable housing as a use for impact fees derived from activities that decrease the availability of affordable housing. A subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development will consider this issue as part of its study of Obstacles to Affordable Housing.

LD 332 An Act Concerning Amendments to the Community Industrial
Buildings Programs

PUBLIC 182
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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-89

SUMMARY

The Department of Economic and Community Development may assist a local development corporation to construct a community industrial building by loaning the corporation money for the project subject to certain conditions. LD 332 proposed to amend one of those conditions by providing that not more than 2 unoccupied community industrial building projects could be financed in a labor market area at any one time. Under current law, only one project may be financed in a labor market area at any one time.

LD 332 was amended by Committee Amendment "A" which limited 2 unoccupied community industrial buildings at any one time to labor market areas in which a community industrial building in a municipality remains unoccupied for 3 or more years following completion of the building. No municipality may have more than 1 unoccupied community industrial building at any one time. The amendment also provides that the Department of Economic and Community Development will charge interest on loans to local development corporations which funded community industrial buildings that remain unoccupied for 3 or more years following completion of the building.