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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:

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| 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
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 350 required that prior to the acquisition of property within a municipality by the state or local housing authority, the municipal legislative body must approve the acquisition by affirmative vote.

The bill failed to obtain Committee approval because of the serious obstacles it would create to the development of affordable housing. In addition, testimony at the hearing indicated that the problem was associated with only 1 local housing authority and involved only 1 purchase.

LD 372 An Act to Include Moderate-income Households Within the Housing Opportunities for Maine Program

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 372 proposed that the Maine State Housing Authority issue taxable bonds under the Housing Opportunities for Maine Program, HOME, to assist persons in moderate income households who do not qualify for assistance under nontaxable bond financing. Currently, the HOME Program has been financed primarily by the issue of nontaxable bonds. The United States Internal Revenue Service rules establish an income ceiling of \$32,000 for a family of 4. York and Cumberland counties have been granted an exception.

LD 3721 provides taxable bond financing to persons with a moderate household income as defined by the authority and which exceeds the income limits of tax-free bond financing.

Provisions to assist moderate income households with home purchases have been included in LD 1765, the Committee bill on affordable housing.

LD 451 An Act to Create an Educational Bonus for Affordable Housing

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 451 proposed to provide grants of \$2,000 to municipalities for each unit of affordable housing created in each municipality.