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**STATE OF MAINE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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ON  
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
JULY 1989**

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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.

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

LD 350      An Act Concerning the Purchase of Real Estate by the State  
or Local Housing Authorities

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

PARADIS P  
JACQUES  
NADEAU G G  
DUTREMBLE D

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

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

MILLS  
ANDREWS  
NADEAU G G  
HEESCHEN

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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SPONSOR(S)

HOGLUND  
NADEAU G G  
MELENDY  
FOSTER

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.