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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.

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private activity tax-exempt bonds within the State. The State is currently allocated \$150,000,000 in total volume of tax-exempt bonds per year for most categories of bonds not constituting the general obligation of the State or a municipality. These allocations are:

	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>
Treasurer of State	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Finance Authority of Maine	56,500,000	25,000,000
Maine Municipal Bond Bank	33,000,000	10,000,000
Maine Educational Loan Authority	13,500,000	30,000,000
Maine State Housing Authority	27,000,000	10,000,000
Unallocated	_____	<u>55,000,000</u>
Total	\$150,000,000	\$150,000,000

**LD 992** An Act to Encourage and Support the Development of Affordable Housing Opportunities by Nonprofit Developers

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

OLIVER  
ANDREWS  
HEESCHEN  
BRANNIGAN

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 992 proposes:

- A. The creation of a Division of Nonprofit Housing Development within the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) to work with nonprofit housing development corporations and to implement the affordable housing program.
- B. That the MSHA coordinate assistance from other sources to help nonprofit housing corporations. MSHA would also provide direct financial assistance in form of interest free loans. The MSHA would:
  - 1) review all proposals presented by the nonprofit corporations; and
  - 2) enter into contracts with nonprofit housing corporations for each project funded from the Affordable Housing Fund;
- C. That a total of \$250,000 be awarded to no more than 10 nonprofit corporations for administrative and start-up costs.
- D. That nonprofit corporations may purchase land/buildings, construct/reconstruct facilities, lease units, and operate and maintain housing projects.

- E. That nonprofits may issue mortgage revenue bonds through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.
- F. A \$5,000,000 General Obligation bond issue for the use of nonprofit housing corporations to develop affordable housing.

The concept of the bill was included in the Committee's Affordable Housing Partnership Act, LD 1765.

**LD 1012 Resolve, to Study International Trade Opportunities and Foreign Ownership and Investment in Maine** **INDEF PP**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u> CATHCART BOST NADEAU G R DUTREMBLE D	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> OTP-AM	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> H-582
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SUMMARY  
LD 1012 proposed a 10-member commission to study foreign ownership and investment in Maine land and business.

In addition, the commission will:

1. Develop a state policy concerning foreign investment and ownership;
2. Develop a strategy to encourage and guide desirable foreign investment;
3. Determine the resources and skills necessary to attract compatible foreign investment; and
4. Determine the marketing programs and evaluation mechanisms necessary to generate desirable foreign investment and ownership in Maine.

The commission would report its findings and recommendations including necessary implementing legislation to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature, no later than November 1, 1990.

The Committee Amendment proposed to include a study of international trade opportunities and issues with the study of foreign investment in Maine.

**LD 1062 An Act to Enhance the Economic Corridor Action Grant Program** **PUBLIC 105  
EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u> CROWLEY BAILEY	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> OTP-AM	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> H-132
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SUMMARY  
LD 1062 proposed that only those municipalities which create comprehensive growth management plans in accordance with the schedule in the Growth Management law will be eligible for Economic Corridor Action grants. Committee amendment "A" corrected the reference to Title 30-A in the bill and added a fiscal note.