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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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E. To exempt from the sales tax all sales to nonprofit housing organizations for the development of housing for low income people.

The concept of the bill was included in the Committee bill, LD 1765.

LD 1316 An Act for the Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing in
Maine

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-295
H-321 TAMMARO

SUMMARY

LD 1316 reestablished the notice and right of first refusal requirements which must be satisfied before the owner of a federally subsidized low-income housing project can transfer and convert the project to market rate units. The original provisions were enacted in 1988 and are scheduled to sunset on August 1, 1989.

LD 1510 An Act for the 1989 Amendments to the Maine Housing
Authorities Act

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1510 provides funding for the Maine Overboard Discharge Assistance Program which was created in 1988 but was never funded. It revises the Maine State Housing Authority's construction lending program to allow the authority to provide low-interest construction financing for 100% of a project's development cost. It also creates a mortgage insurance reserve fund to allow the authority to insure housing mortgages and provide more flexibility in the underwriting of those mortgages.

LD 1665 An Act to Ensure that Certain Homeowners May Remain in Their
Own Homes Regardless of Zoning

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Under LD 1665, the owner of a single-family residence would be allowed to convert the home to a multi-family residence to acquire rental income as long as the exterior of the structure is in no way altered and the owner continues to live in the structure. The bill required that, upon a transfer of the property or the termination of the owner's residency, the building must then be altered to comply with zoning requirements in effect.