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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 (except Audit and Program Review, Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and Taxation). Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned to the 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
ONTO	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 1626 Resolve, Concerning the Development of a New Master Plan for the Capitol Area

RESOLVE 60
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

MARTIN J
PRAY
WEBSTER M
CAHILL P

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-551
S-465 BUSTIN

SUMMARY

LD 1626 proposed to create the Commission on the New Capitol Area Master Plan composed of 21 members from the Legislature, the Judicial branch, the Executive branch, the City of Augusta, and the State Capitol Commission. The commission would oversee the selection of a master planner, participate in the development of the plan, and report to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature with the master plan and any necessary implementing legislation.

LD 1626 also proposed to establish a 180-day moratorium on the sale or transfer of land and on construction in the Capitol Area following approval of the Resolve.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-551) removed the 180 day moratorium and significantly revised the composition of the Commission. The Commission was changed to an ad-hoc committee, composed of 29 members, and included greater representation from the Augusta area, the Capitol Planning Commission, and the State Capitol Commission (named changed in this bill to State House and Capitol Park Commission). The ad-hoc committee would engage a master planner for the development of a new master plan for the capitol district. The ad-hoc committee would issue findings and recommendations to the Capitol Planning Commission and issue reports to the Governor and Legislative Council.

Senate Amendment (S-465) changed the ad-hoc committee to a special committee and required the issuance of a progress report no later than January 1, 1990, and a preliminary report no later than April 1, 1990, to include a complete conceptual design for the master plan. A final report, including a detailed design of the master plan, would be required by January 15, 1991, along with any necessary implementation.

The Senate Amendment also added the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements and the Commissioner of Transportation to the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan. The amendment made it clear that state agencies may become lessees as necessary to carry out their mission and required a determination of the costs associated with the acquisition of certain real estate in Augusta. The amendment allowed the Legislative Council to authorize construction of a facility upon application by the Secretary of State.