

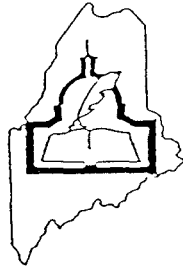
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

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. 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 or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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established eligibility criteria and credit limits for individual projects and placed ceilings on the total state credit allowable. The Maine State Housing Authority would have been authorized to act as the credit allocation agency and required to promulgate rules to implement the tax credit no later than December 31, 1990. Finally, this amendment would have required the Division of Community Services to create and capitalize the Fuel Assistance Reserve Fund to distribute sufficient funds to program operators and municipal administrators of local fuel assistance programs to cover anticipated program and administrative costs for at least the months of October, November, and December. The fund would have been used as start-up funding for the fuel assistance program only if federal block grant funding was not received by October 1st. If the fund was used, the division would have been required to recapitalize the fund immediately upon receipt of federal funding. The fund would have expired on June 30, 1991, at which time the division would have been required to transfer the fully recapitalized fund back to the General Fund.

Senate amendment "A" (S-710) changes the title of the bill to 'An Act to Create a Fuel Assistance Reserve Fund' thus maintaining the provisions of committee amendment "B" regarding the Fuel Assistance Reserve Fund, but deleting the provisions regarding the educational bonus for affordable housing and the low-income housing tax credit for developers. This amendment removes the appropriation and allocation sections of committee amendment "B" and provides for a working capital advance for fuel assistance for elderly and low-income residents. This amendment also requires the Maine State Housing Authority to study ways to encourage the creation of affordable rental housing and report to the Legislature by January 1, 1991.

**LD 1701**

**Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Establishment of a State and Tribal Partnership to Encourage Economic Development**

**RESOLVE 76  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-936 GRAHAM  
S-551

**SUMMARY**

LD 1701, held over from the 1st Regular Session, creates the Commission to Study the Establishment of a State and Tribal Partnership to Encourage Economic Development. The commission will examine various ways in which the State and Indian tribes can undertake local and regional economic development efforts in partnership. The membership consists of representatives from the Legislature, the Department of Economic and Community Development, community business and economic development interests and Indian tribes.

Committee amendment "B" (S-551) expands the Indian membership of the commission and requires that all members serve without compensation. The amendment deletes the commission's reporting requirement and instead offers it the option of submitting any report or legislation to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and to the Legislature by January 31, 1991. The amendment also deletes the appropriation.

House amendment "A" (H-936) to committee amendment "B" corrects references to the Indian tribes and changes the appointment procedure of the tribal representatives. This amendment deletes the commission's option of submitting a report and clarifies that the commission is responsible for its own staff support and that its members are not eligible for reimbursement of expenses. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause and a fiscal note.