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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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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.

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

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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
O'DEA	OTP-AM	H-928
BOST		H-998 CROWLEY
PEARSON		S-729 PEARSON
NORTON		

SUMMARY

LD 2270 establishes the Commission to Assess the Impact of Increased State Spending on the University of Maine System. Membership consists of 7 voting members including representatives of the Legislature, students, faculty and Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System. One nonvoting ex officio member representing the Office of the Chancellor of the University of Maine System would also be a member of the Commission.

The specific impacts to be studied include: construction projects on campuses; acquisition of equipment, supplies and services; impact on the quality, size, rate of turnover and morale of the faculty; improvements in the quality of student life; improvements in academic offerings and distribution of funding among the campuses. The Commission is to report to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature and the Office of the Chancellor by December 1, 1990.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-928) adds a voting legislative member to the Commission and revises the appropriation section to accommodate that change.

House Amendment "A" (H-998) to Committee Amendment "A" amends the nomination procedure for appointing members to the Commission.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-729) to Committee Amendment "A" implements several steps to reduce the cost of the Commission such as: removing the provision of per diem for Legislators; removing the General Fund appropriation; removing the legislative staffing requirement and requiring the University of Maine System to absorb the remaining costs of the Commission.

LD 2295 An Act Regarding the Secondary Market for Student Loans**INDEF PP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BOST	OTP	
GWADOSKY		
CROWLEY		
O'DEA		

SUMMARY

LD 2295 would have established an annual reporting requirement to the Joint Standing Committee on Education for any corporation formed to operate in the secondary market to purchase student financial aid loans from banks and other institutions. (The Maine Education Loan Marketing Corporation, MELMAC, is the only corporation currently performing that function.) Current law authorizes the formation of one or more nonprofit corporations to operate in the secondary market and sets aside a portion of the State's tax-free bond limit for that purpose. This requirement would have provided for the monitoring of this essentially public purpose by private corporations. Similar reporting requirements were provided in LD 2275 (PL 1989, c. 812) enacted this session and this bill was indefinitely postponed.