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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**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
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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programs. The bill establishes a new "Maine State Cultural Affairs Council" and transfers to the Council all oversight responsibility for the State's four cultural service agencies: the Maine Historic Preservation Commission; the Maine Arts Commission; the Maine Museum Commission; and the Maine Library Commission. Administrative responsibility for those agencies previously fell within the Department of Education and Cultural Services. The bill also changes the name of the Department of Education and Cultural Services to the Department of Education.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-546) to LD 2254 places the library media responsibilities under the Commissioner of Education and requires that the Governor appoint the chair of the Maine Cultural Affairs Council from among the members of the four commissions.

LD 2277 An Act to Create an Appeals Procedure for the State Bidding Process

**PUBLIC 785
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BERUBE	OTP-AM	H-968 JOSEPH
CLARK N		S-571
JOSEPH		S-576 BUSTIN

SUMMARY

LD 2277 requires that the Bureau of Public Improvements adopt rules governing the acquisition of goods and services by the State through the competitive bidding process and the appeals procedure for aggrieved persons. The bill establishes standards governing the appeals procedure, including the right of an aggrieved person to request a stay of a contract award decision and to request an appeals hearing. Rules governing competitive bidding and the appeals procedure must be adopted by January 1, 1990.

House amendment "A" (S-571) to LD 2277 clarified the intent of the bill in several areas and changed the Appeals Board appointing authority from the State Controller to the Commissioner of Finance.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-576) to LD 2277 was a technical amendment offered by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading which inserted 2 subsections that were inadvertently omitted from the bill.

LD 2299 An Act to Require That Relevant Experience Be a Consideration in Selecting Members of the State Employee Health Commission (Reported Pursuant to a Study Authorized by the Legislative Council)

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	ONTP	

SUMMARY

LD 2299 requires that members of the State Employee Health Insurance Commission appointed after September 1, 1990 must have experience that is relevant to the responsibility of the Commission. The Commission members serve as trustees of the state employee accident and health insurance program and as advisors to the program director on health insurance issues.