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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

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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**LD 2307 An Act to Provide Legislative Oversight of Transactions
Dealing with State Held Lands and Property**

PUBLIC 761

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PARADIS E MARTIN J PERKINS DEXTER	OTP-AM	H-883

SUMMARY

LD 2307 requires that the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System receive the approval of the Legislature before transferring any interest in real estate held by the Technical College System.

Committee Amendment "A" to LD 2307 clarified that the intent of the bill was to establish legislative oversight of permanent transfer of title to real estate, not to require oversight for rental or lease agreements entered into by the Technical College System. The amendment clarified that intent by substituting the phrase "permanently transferred" for the word "transferred".

LD 2308 An Act to Deorganize Plantation E in Aroostook County

**P & S 115
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MACBRIDE BERUBE LUDWIG MARTIN J	OTP-AM	H-922 S-603 TWITCHELL S-609 PEARSON

SUMMARY

LD 2308 authorized the deorganization of Plantation E contingent upon the results of a local referendum.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-922) made technical drafting corrections to clarify the deorganization process and added a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-603) made a technical drafting correction.

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-609) made corrections to the appropriation section and fiscal note.

**LD 2312 An Act to Establish the Office of Substance Abuse (Reported
Pursuant to a Study Authorized by the Legislative Council)**

PUBLIC 934

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	S-639 S-713 PEARSON

SUMMARY

LD 2312 implemented the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government's interim subcommittee study of the substance abuse service delivery system.

The bill establishes an Office of Substance Abuse within the Executive branch. The Office is responsible for several functions previously performed by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee and the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, including the responsibility of adopting a comprehensive plan for the delivery of alcohol and drug abuse delivery services, developing a unified budget for all expenditures by state agencies related to alcohol and drug abuse prevention services, approving and

administering contracts with service providers and adopting rules governing the coordination of alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs which are binding on all agencies. The ADPC statute (Title 22, chapter 1601) is repealed and the structure of the OADAP is amended to leave the administration of the Driver Education Evaluation Program, the information clearinghouse and treatment facility licensing responsibilities within the Department of Human Services. All other OADAP functions are transferred to the new Office. The bill also undedicates the alcohol premium fund and requires that all revenues raised by the alcohol premium tax be deposited in the General Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-639) allows the Director of the Office of Substance abuse to delegate contracting responsibilities to various agencies. The amendment also clarifies that the Department of Education must coordinate its substance abuse education programs with the Office to the fullest extent possible within the requirements of federal funding, repeals language pertaining to involuntary commitment of substance abusers and requires that the Legislature appropriate general fund monies to the Office which are at least equal to the revenue received from the alcohol premium tax during the previous year. In order that the necessary appropriations and allocations required by the bill be accomplished without undue complications, the amendment also makes the bill an emergency and establishes an effective date of July 1, 1990.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-713) to Committee Amendment "A" removes the emergency preamble and adjusts the appropriation section of the bill to reflect an over-allocation of alcohol premium tax revenues.

LD 2317 An Act to Transfer All Functions and Personnel of the LV/WD
Offices of District Attorneys from the Counties to the State
(Reported Pursuant to a Study Authorized by the Legislative
Council)

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LV/WD

SUMMARY

LD 2317 was a minority report of the county government reform study subcommittee and proposed to transfer all personnel and functions of the district attorneys' offices to the Office of the Attorney General.

LD 2325 Resolve, to Create the Commission on Effective Information LV/WD
Systems in State Government (Pursuant to Resolves 1987,
Chapter 60 & Resolves 1989, Chapter 3)

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LV/WD

SUMMARY

LD 2325 is one of 8 bills implementing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future. The Resolve establishes the Commission on Effective Information Systems in State government to current State agency information management systems and to propose methods of improvement.