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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have given county commissioners the authority to appoint the positions of register of probate, county treasurer and register of deeds rather than have them continue to be elected by the voters of the county.

Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding and an Extension of Time to Allow Phase 2 of the New Capitol Area Master Plan to Be Completed (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 60)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 S-239 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

This resolve provided the Special Committee for the New Capitol Area Master Plan with the additional time and funds to complete the master plan.

Committee Amendment "A" required the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan to consider alternate and futuristic means of addressing transportation, work and parking issues as it moves forward in implementing the initial recommendations of the progress report toward the development of the final report for the Capitol Area master plan. These additions were adapted from LD 670. It also added a fiscal note to the bill.

An Act to Place Certain Lands Recommended by the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan under the Jurisdiction of the Capitol Planning Commission (Reported Pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 60)

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 S-281
 S-368 BUSTIN

SUMMARY

This bill implemented a recommendation of the Special Committee on the New Capitol Area Master Plan and extended the jurisdiction of the Capitol Planning Commission to state owned lands on the east side of the Kennebec River, lands along the river edge on the west side of the river and elevated lands on the east side of Howard Hill that provide the backdrop for the State Capitol building.

Committee Amendment "A" removed all extensions of the Capitol Area on the west side of the Kennebec River except the land area between the railroad tracks and the river. The amendment reduced the area included in the extension of the Capitol Area on the east side of the Kennebec River to land which is owned by the State on the effective date of the Act.