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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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SUMMARY

This bill amends the appropriate portions of the Finance Authority of Maine Act to permit the authority to insure certificates evidencing ownership of a portion of a pool of insured mortgage loans, in furtherance of the authority's creation of a secondary market for its insured loans. These changes are necessary to permit lenders to sell efficiently the Finance Authority of Maine insured portion of commercial loans, which will permit increased lending to Maine small businesses.

The bill also amends the conflict of interest provisions of the Finance Authority of Maine Act to remove the inconsistency between the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 18 and Title 17, section 3104. The bill makes the changes to the conflict of interest law apply retroactively to September 19, 1985, the effective date of Public Law 1985, chapter 344, section 22.

The committee amendment (H-457) amends the original bill to add provisions that increases from \$87,500,000 to \$90,000,000 the authority of the Finance Authority of Maine to ensure mortgage loans, increases from \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000 the reserve fund security, backed by the "moral obligation" of the State for mortgage loans and increase from \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000 the authority of the Finance Authority of Maine to provide capital reserve fund security, backed by the "moral obligation" of the State for revenue obligation securities. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 997 An Act to Expand the Membership of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities PUBLIC 292

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MITCHELL E OTP-AM H-295

SUMMARY

This bill amends the Affordable Housing Partnership Act of 1989 by expanding the membership of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities created in that Act. The purpose of this bill is to provide greater balance, diversity and a broader perspective on the issues the task force is charged to consider.

The committee amendment (H-295) reduces from 24 to 21 the membership of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities; retains the number of people appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives at current levels; and requires the Governor to appoint 4 representatives from a list provided by a statewide coalition for the homeless. The amendment also adds a section that prohibits an additional appropriation of General Fund money and adds a fiscal note.

LD 1071 An Act to Create the Maine Job Growth Fund CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
PINGREE OTP-AM S-246

SUMMARY

This bill creates the Regional Revolving Loan Fund to assist businesses to create or retain jobs. The Finance Authority of Maine will assist regional development corporations in administering the program. There is a \$75,000 loan maximum.

The committee amendment (S-246) changes the name of the revolving loan program to the Maine Job Growth Fund; clarifies the type of economic development organizations that are eligible to apply for and make loans from the Maine Job Growth Fund; and requires that participants match money from the fund on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis.

The amendment also incorporates additional criteria for disbursement of program funds and requires that applicants enter into contracts with the Finance Authority of Maine; allows interest earnings to be used for administrative expenses of the participating entities and requires annual review and approval of administrative costs; and sets a loan limit of \$200,000 per borrower and caps the interest rate at prime plus 4%. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

This bill has been carried over to the 116th Second Regular Session.

**LD 1092 An Act Repealing Advisory Boards on Housing and Economic
Development Matters**

PUBLIC 359

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-473 S-281 PINGREE

SUMMARY

The bill is submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing all advisory boards and commissions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 12004-I and 12004-J as well as other advisory boards and commissions with similar functions. The bill repeals certain boards and commissions within the jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development.

The committee amendment (H-473) leaves the following boards in the bill, which as a result are repealed: the Commission on Job Opportunity Zones; the Affordable Housing Alliance Advisory Committee; the Natural Resource Financing and Marketing Board; and the Advisory Board to the Maine State Housing Authority.

The committee amendment also amends Part D of the bill which increases the number of at-large members on the Finance Authority of Maine board to include 2 from the field of national resource enterprises and financing and eliminates the members from the Natural Resource Financing and Marketing Board. The amendment makes several reference corrections for those boards remaining in the bill.

The Senate amendment (S-281) deletes sections of the bill and committee amendment that inappropriately repeal sections of law that affect other entities and amends those sections to remove references to repealed boards.

The Senate amendment also amends the conflict-of-interest provisions of the Finance Authority of Maine Act to reflect the deletion of the requirement that 2 members of the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine be members of the Natural Resource Financing and Marketing Board, which is repealed by the original bill, but does so consistent with the provisions of Legislative Document 967, removing the inconsistency between the 2 bills. The amendment also deletes references to the Maine Veterans' Small Business Loan Board, which has been eliminated in earlier legislation.

LD 1107 Resolve, Relating to Preparation for Defense Conversion

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FITZPATRICK	ONTP	