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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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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create and sustain the science and technology infrastructure necessary to promote new growth industries for the State's future economic prosperity.

The committee amendment (H-494) replaces the original bill and provides funding for the worker retraining program at \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 1993-94 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1994-95 from the General Fund. The program would provide education and job training at the Maine Technical College System to unemployed workers. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The bill as amended was moved into the Budget bill (LD 283) and the funding level was reduced to \$750,000 in each year of the biennium.

**LD 1478 An Act to Increase Tourism Visits and Tourism Revenues
for the State**

**PUBLIC 471
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
HARRIMAN
ZIRNKILTON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-198
S-247 HARRIMAN

SUMMARY

The bill provides the necessary funds to move tourism marketing support to competitive levels and to build the necessary planning, research and feedback capabilities necessary to place the marketing funds appropriately to generate at least a one-to-one return on investment. The bill mandates implementation of a 5-year strategy designed to develop a more cohesive and engaged tourism industry that will work in partnership with the Office of Tourism to generate additional financial returns from expenditures from state funds.

The committee amendment (S-198) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The Senate amendment (S-247) provides that any incremental revenues above baseline projections in restaurant and lodging revenues will be transferred to the Tourism Marketing and Development Fund established in the Senate amendment.

**LD 1528 An Act to Establish the Maine Education and Training Export
Partnership within the Department of Economic and
Community Development**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
CAHILL

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill establishes the Maine Education and Training Export Partnership within the Department of Economic and Community Development. Its primary purpose is to identify potential contract opportunities in developing countries that match technologies and expertise available within the public and private sectors of the State.

The partnership will have the latitude to raise the funds and support the international contacts necessary to aggressively pursue these opportunities while maintaining its identity as part of a governmental agency.

The bill was moved into the Budget bill (LD 283) and funded at \$100,000 in each year of the biennium. The bill as it appeared in the budget bill changes the membership specifications and also makes several technical changes.

**LD 1537 An Act to Establish a Development Authority
for Loring Air Force Base** PUBLIC 474
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J	OTP-AM	H-579
PARADIS J		S-367 PEARSON

SUMMARY

The bill establishes the Loring Development Authority of Maine to act as the entity responsible for acquiring and managing the properties within the geographical boundaries of Loring Air Force Base. The authority will be responsible for securing resources from all sources for the implementation of a reuse strategy in order to preserve employment opportunities and to stabilize the economies in the communities of Aroostook County affected by the closure of Loring Air Force Base.

The committee amendment (H-579) gives the Loring Development Authority of Maine the power to adopt rules in compliance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, includes a reference to the existing definition of affirmative action programs and makes technical wording changes. The amendment also eliminates the irrebuttable presumption that acquisition of property is a public necessity based solely on the authority's declaration that taking the property is in the public interest and necessary for public use. It also deletes the provision that property acquired by the authority vests in the authority in fee simple absolute. The authority must submit a report on its activities to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development in the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature by April 1, 1994. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The Senate amendment (S-367) clarifies the tax status of the Loring Development Authority to avoid any question regarding property tax reimbursement by the State, eliminate eminent domain authority and adds a revised fiscal note.

**LD 1547 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount
of \$20,000,000 to Provide Funds for Assistance to Maine
Businesses** CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds to initiate economic development activities. This bond issue is a companion measure to "An Act to Establish the Maine Job Growth Fund" and "An Act to Establish a Capital Access Program."

This bill has been carried over to the 2nd Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

**LD 1556 An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the
Economic Growth Council** INDEF PP

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