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

MAY 1994

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, 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

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

5581LHS

LD 1547 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$15,000,000 to Provide Funds for Assistance to Maine Businesses

PUBLIC 722

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

OTP-AM

H-949

S-639 HANDY

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.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-949) replaces the bill. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used to capitalize 2 economic development programs to assist Maine businesses in creating and retaining jobs. The Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program will facilitate establishment of and funding for community and regional revolving loan programs to provide financial assistance to targeted small and emerging businesses. Establishment of the Capital Access Program will encourage private lenders to make business loans that they would otherwise not make. This bond issue will also provide additional capitalization for the Economic Recovery Program, which was established in 1992. This is a direct lending program designed to provide necessary financing to businesses unable to obtain such financing through traditional lending sources. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-639) changes the bond referendum from the primary election in June to the General election in November.

LD 1576 An Act to Make Modifications to Economic Development Activities

PUBLIC 725
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

PINGREE

OTP-AM

S-611 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill extends the deadline for the initial report of the Maine Economic Growth Council from January 1, 1994 to January 1, 1995. The bill also clarifies that the Economic Conversion Division in the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Commission on Investment Capital are "eliminated" instead of "deauthorized" and that the applicable provisions of law are repealed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-422) changes the sunset date from January 1, 1996 to June 30, 1996 and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-611) changes the sunset date to July 1, 1995.

LD 1693 An Act to Revise the Eastport Port Authority Charter

P & S 82

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

TOWNSEND G
VOSE

OTP-AM

H-860

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to expand the jurisdiction of the Eastport Port Authority to include areas outside the boundary of Eastport.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-860) clarifies that the Eastport Port Authority may not take property outside of its jurisdiction off of the tax rolls, changes the membership to include an appointee from the Department of Transportation and prohibits the authority from engaging in direct competition with established businesses. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1723 An Act to Increase the Jurisdiction of the Loring
Development Authority of Maine**

PUBLIC 729

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ROBICHAUD KIEFFER YOUNG	OTP-AM	H-974 S-586 PINGREE

SUMMARY

This bill adds additional properties under the jurisdiction of the Loring Development Authority of Maine. It includes the Madawaska Dam and Treatment Facility, which is the primary water source of the Loring Air Force Base. The bill also includes the Loring 03 Communications Site, which contains the equipment relating to the operation of the airport facility as well as telecommunications capacity.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-974) adds several new provisions that bring the Loring Development Authority of Maine into compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration for use of Federal Aviation Administration facilities under the public benefits transfer. The amendment also clarifies that the authority is a body of the State, provides for an increase in zoning authority for those rules that protect and adequately clear the aerial approaches to the airport and requires that the State fulfill the bonding obligations should the authority fail. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-586) requires the Loring Development Authority to obtain a certificate of approval from the Finance Authority of Maine prior to the issuance of bonds, and, specifies that the Authority may issue bonds in an original principal amount not to exceed 20 million.

**LD 1771 An Act to Establish Terms of Appointments for Members
of the Maine Education and Training Export Partnership**

PUBLIC 558

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PINGREE	OTP-AM	S-418

SUMMARY

This bill establishes staggered terms for first-time appointments to the Maine Education and Training Export Partnership.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-418) corrects the title, makes technical changes to section 1 and adds a retroactivity clause to the bill.