MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the

LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY

at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library

http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib

Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied

(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
116TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MAY 1994

MEMBERS:
**Sen. Rochelle M. Pingree*
Sen. Joseph C. Brannigan
Sen. Philip E. Harriman

**Rep. Rita B. Melendy*
Rep. Conrad Heeschen
Rep. Charles C. Plourde
Rep. G. Steven Rowe
Rep. Mary E. Sullivan
Rep. Carol A. Kontos
Rep. Edward L. Dexter
Rep. Richard Kneeland
Rep. John P. Marshall
Rep. Brenda Birney

**Denotes Chair*

Staff:
Roy Lenardson, Legislative Analyst

Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Room 101, State House Station 13
Augusta, ME 04333
(207)287-1670

MARTHA E. FREEMAN, DIRECTOR
WILLIAM T. GLIDDEN, JR., PRINCIPAL ANALYST
JULIE S. JONES, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
DAVID C. ELLIOTT, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
MARION HYLAN BARR
JON CLARK
LISA COPENHAVER
DEBORAH C. FRIEDMAN
MICHAEL D. HIGGINS
JILL IPPOLITI

JOHN B. KNOX
ROY W. LENARDSON
PATRICK NORTON
JANE ORBETON
MARGARET J. REINSCH
PAUL J. SAUCIER
JOHN G. KELLEY, RESEARCHER
DARLENE A. SHORES LYNCH, RESEARCHER
CARRIE C. McFADDEN, RESEARCHER

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
ROOM 101/107/135
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL: (207) 287-1670
FAX (207) 287-1275

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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	*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
P&S XXX	*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
RESOLVE XXX	*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*
CON RES XXX	*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
EMERGENCY	*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
ONTP	*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*
INDEF PP	*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
FAILED ENACTMENT	*Bill failed to get majority vote*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
VETO SUSTAINED	*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*
UNSIGNED	*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	*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 1777 An Act to Make Economic Development Funds More Readily Available for Improving Existing Equipment and Facilities

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
AHEARNE	ONTP	
PARADIS J		

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the Finance Authority of Maine specifically address financing needs of those industries that update, modify or make more efficient existing equipment, plants or production lines.

LD 1803 An Act to Allow the Dissolution of the Maine Capital Corporation

PUBLIC 531

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUTREMBLE D	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill allows for the dissolution of the Maine Capital Corporation. It was established by the Legislature in 1977 and has completed its initial public purpose.

LD 1825 Resolve, to Study the Availability and Sources of Venture Capital in Maine

RESOLVE 60

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HARRIMAN	OTP-AM	S-435

SUMMARY

The purpose of this resolve is to establish a program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to create statewide regional small-business stimulation organizations that give grants, loans and advice to people who wish to go into business for themselves.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-435) transfers responsibility for preparation of a report and necessary implementing legislation from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Finance Authority of Maine. It eliminates the Funds for Self-employment, the State Venture Fund and any specific tax deductions, directing the authority to consider alternatives for venture capital programs and any necessary incentives. It also extends the deadline for the report from December 1, 1994 to February 1, 1995. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1913 An Act to Provide for the 1994 and 1995 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

P & S 77
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GWADOSKY	OTP-AM	H-772

SUMMARY

This bill provides for the annual allocation of the $150,000,000 limit imposed by federal law on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds by governmental issuers in the State. The bill makes allocations for calendar year 1994 and initial allocations for calendar year 1995.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-772) adds a fiscal note to the bill.