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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
State and Local Government*

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Summary of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX.....	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....	One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY.....	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT.....	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP.....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED (Pocket Veto).....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 1871

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Purchase the Department of Labor Building at 19 Union Street in Augusta and To Determine the Feasibility of Acquiring a Parcel of Land for Use as a Parking Lot by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

RESOLVE 214

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARSTOW	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-576 SCHNEIDER S-686 ROTUNDO

LD 1871 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into long-term ground leases and to convey the Department of Labor building at 19 Union Street in Augusta, subject to surrender to the State upon termination of the ground lease.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-744) proposed to require that the building be leased to the State for agency offices and that the rents be no higher than market rent for comparable office space in the Augusta area.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-576) proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to negotiate the purchase of the Department of Labor building, remove hazardous materials and begin the initial renovation design process using no more than \$1,800,000 from the Capital Construction and Improvements Reserve Fund.

Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" (S-686) proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, upon consultation with the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Department of Environmental Protection, to determine the feasibility of acquiring a parcel of land across from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for use as a parking lot by the academy. The State currently holds a well and water line easement on the parcel that benefits the former Oak Grove School, currently known as the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 214 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to negotiate the purchase of the Department of Labor building at 19 Union Street in Augusta, remove hazardous materials and begin the initial renovation design process using no more than \$1,800,000 from the Capital Construction and Improvements Reserve Fund. It also authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, upon consultation with the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Department of Environmental Protection, to determine the feasibility of acquiring a parcel of land across from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for use as a parking lot by the academy. The State currently holds a well and water line easement on the parcel that benefits the former Oak Grove School, currently known as the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.