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History and Final Disposition

LD 390 / HP0281

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019. Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Public Hearings 02/06/17, 02/07/17, 02/09/17, 02/10/17, 02/13/17, 02/14/17, 02/15/17, 02/16/17, 02/17/17, 02/21/17, 02/22/17, 02/23/17, 02/24/17, 02/27/17, 02/28/17, 03/01/17, 03/02/17, 03/03/17, 03/06/17, 03/06/17, 03/06/17, 03/07/17, 03/07/17, 03/08/17, 03/10/17. (OTP-AM) Report C Accepted 07/04/17. Amended by: CC H-475, CCC/CC H-558. Final Disposition: Emergency Enacted, Emergency Signed 07/04/17, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 284.

Original Bill

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[Amendment HA/CC \(H-480\) \(LD 390 2017\)](#)

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[Amendment CCB/CC \(H-557\) \(LD 390 2017\)](#)

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Maine budget talks stall as Democrats and Republicans trade blame (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 6/16/2017, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD03xx/nc128-LD-0390/BDN 170616A.pdf)

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