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STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AUGUST 1999

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst

Date: August, 1999

Re: Bill Summaries, 119th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999. Joint orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. 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:

CARRIED OVER *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
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*
OTP ND/NT *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
P&S XXX *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
UNSIGNED *Bill held by Governor*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*
READ AND PASSED..... *Joint Order passed by the House and Senate*
PASSED AS AMENDED *Joint Order passed as amended by the House and Senate*

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

LD 36

An Act to Appropriate Funds to Ensure Forestry Industry Training Education

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN	ONTP	

LD 36 proposed to provide funds to Northern Maine Technical College to train employees for the forestry industry.

LD 45

An Act to Appropriate \$50,000 for the Muskie Memorial Committee in Rumford

P & S 43

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FERGUSON CAMERON	OTP	

LD 45 proposed to appropriate \$50,000 on a one-time basis in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Muskie Memorial Committee in Rumford.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 43 appropriates \$50,000 on a one-time basis in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Muskie Memorial Committee in Rumford.

LD 50

An Act to Make Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999

**PUBLIC 4
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-18

LD 50 proposed the following:

PART A

1. Proposed supplemental appropriations from the General Fund;
2. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund;
3. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds;
4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Funds; and
5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.

PART B

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
2. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
3. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
4. Proposed allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds for approved reclassifications and range changes;
5. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
6. Proposed allocations from the Central Motor Pool fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes; and
2. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART D proposed to:

1. Amend the law to increase the statutory cap of the Maine Rainy Day Fund to 6% and to restore funds to the Maine Rainy Day Fund pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1811, that could not be transferred because of the existing 5% cap;
2. Amend the law to authorize transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund;
3. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Retirement - Federal Recovery account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to June 30, 2000;
4. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Administrative account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
5. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Renovation of State Facilities account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
6. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of motor vehicles; and
7. Authorize the balance in the General Fund Statewide - Unfunded Liability - Retirement account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be paid to the Maine State Retirement System.

PART E proposed to amend the law to authorize a working capital advance to the Division of Plant Industry in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

PART F proposed to:

1. Establish the effective date of Memorandums of Agreement between the Maine State Employees Union and the Judicial Department; and
2. Authorize transfers from the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Judicial Department.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-18) replaced the bill and proposed the following:

Part A proposed the following:

1. Proposed supplemental appropriations from the General Fund;
2. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund;
3. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds;
4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Funds; and
5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.

Part B proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
2. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
3. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
4. Proposed allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds for approved reclassifications and range changes;
5. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
6. Proposed allocations from the Central Motor Pool fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes; and
2. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part D proposed to:

1. Amend the law to authorize transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund;
2. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Retirement - Federal Recovery account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to June 30, 2000;
3. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Administrative account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
4. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Renovation of State Facilities account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
5. Authorize unencumbered salaries in the General Fund Salary Plan Program to carry forward to June 30, 2000;
6. Authorize unencumbered balances in the General Fund - Land for Maine's Future Fund program to carry forward to June 30, 2000;

7. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of motor vehicles; and
8. Authorize the balance in the General Fund Statewide - Unfunded Liability - Retirement account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be paid to the Maine State Retirement System.

Part E proposed to amend the law to authorize a working capital advance to the Division of Plant Industry in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Part F proposed to:

1. Establish the effective date of Memorandums of Agreement between the Maine State Employees Association and the Judicial Department; and
2. Authorize transfers from the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Judicial Department.

Part G proposed to amend the law by which funds may be transferred to the Community Development Fund - Children in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Part H proposed to amend the law establishing the Maine Clean Election Fund to allow revenue from a \$3 tax checkoff program to be transferred by the State Controller to the fund, rather than receiving General Fund appropriations by the Legislature.

Part I proposed to amend the law specifying the date by which the State Budget Officer shall calculate and transfer \$949,000 in anticipated fiscal year 1998-99 General Fund lapsed balances from May 15, 1999 to June 30, 1999.

Part J proposed to postpone until July 1, 1999 the dates by which the Department of Transportation and the State Planning Office must submit their final reports to the Legislature pertaining to the development and economic impact of a west-east highway in Maine.

Part K proposed to:

1. Appropriate \$27,504 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 to transfer 1 1/2 positions in the Division of Plant Industry from Other Special Revenue; and
2. Appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Seed Potato Board for a bin piler machine.

Part L proposed to appropriate \$75,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Katahdin Area Training Center to assist in providing transitional services for the region.

Part M proposed to appropriate \$15,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Bridgton Transition Center for displaced workers who incurred training or educational expenses that were not eligible for state or federal training assistance.

Part N proposed to:

1. Appropriate \$602,040 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Department of Human Services to reduce waiting lists for homemaker, adult day care, Alzheimer's respite care and home-based care services; and
2. Direct the Department of Human Services to submit a plan to the Legislature by February 1, 1999 that revises the cost-sharing requirements of the various home care programs funded by the Department of Human Services in a way that would ensure that persons with higher incomes would pay a proportionately higher share of the cost.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 4

Part	Section	Description/Issue
A	A-1	Supplemental General Fund Appropriations
	A-2	Supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations
	A-3	Supplemental Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations
	A-4	Supplemental Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations
	A-5	Supplemental Alcoholic Beverage Fund Allocation
B	B-1	General Fund Appropriations for Reclassifications
	B-2	Highway Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-3	Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-4	Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-5	Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-6	Central Motor Pool Fund Allocation for Reclassifications
C	C-1	General Fund Deappropriations to fund Part B reclassifications
	C-2	Highway Fund Deallocations to fund Part B reclassifications
D	D-1	Increases the transfer from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Retirement - Federal Recovery Program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services
	D-2	Authorizes General Fund balances in the Retirement - Federal Recovery program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to 6/30/00
	D-3	Authorizes General Fund balances in the Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward indefinitely
	D-4	Authorizes General Fund balances in the Capital Construction - Repairs - Improvements - Renovation of State Facilities program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward each fiscal year until the completion of the State Office Building project
	D-5	Authorizes General Fund balances in the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to 6/30/00
	D-6	Authorizes General Fund balances in the Land for Maine's Future Fund program to carry forward to 6/30/00
	D-7	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into a lease purchase agreement for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool
	D-8	Authorizes General Fund balances in the Statewide - Unfunded Liability - Retirement Account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be paid to the Maine State Retirement System no later than 6/30/99

- E E-1 Authorizes a working capital advance from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Division of Plant Industry program in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for any fiscal year if requested by the Director of the Division
- F F-1 Establishes an implementation date of 3/1/99 for the collective bargaining agreements between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Employees Association
- F-2 Authorizes a transfer from the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Judicial Department
- G G-1 Specifies that cost savings to be transferred from mental health services for children programs within DHS Medicaid programs and from DMHMR&SAS to the Community Development Fund - Children must occur within 30 days after the close of FY 99, implemented by financial order, approved by the Governor and reviewed by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
- H H-1 Requires the State Tax Assessor to report annually to the State Controller regarding the amounts to transfer to the Maine Clean Election Fund
- I I-1 Extends the reporting date to June 30, 1999 for the State Budget Officer to report on amounts transferred from balances that would remain on 6/30/99 in all lapsing General Fund accounts
- J J-1 Extends the reporting date to July 1, 1999 for the Department of Transportation and the State Planning Office to report on the west-east highway
- J-2 Extends the reporting date to July 1, 1999 for the State Planning Office to report on economic trade issues associated with the west-east highway
- K K-1 General Fund Appropriations for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
- K-2 Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
- L L-1 General Fund Appropriation for the Katahdin Area Training Center
- M M-1 General Fund Appropriation for the Bridgton Transition Center
- N N-1 General Fund Appropriation for the DHS for homemaker services, adult day care, Alzheimer's respite care and home-based care
- N-2 Requires DHS to submit a plan by February 1, 1999 that revises the cost-sharing requirements of various home care programs and implement rules no later than July 1, 1999