

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 152****An Act to Enhance Economic Development in Hancock County****ONTP**

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

LD 152 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$40,000 to initiate economic development projects in Hancock County. The funds would have been administered by the Eastern Maine Development Corporation, which was directed to work with the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce in the development of the projects.

**LD 154****An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAYO MURRAY		

LD 154 proposed to appropriate \$90,000 and \$60,000 to the Department of Labor in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to establish an audio information service for people who are blind or visually impaired and other people in the State who are unable to access printed information due to a disability. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**LD 172****An Act to Enhance Maine's Relationship with Aomori, Japan by Hosting a Cultural Exchange****PUBLIC 452**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT BRENNAN	OTP-AM	S-144 S-389 MICHAUD

LD 172 proposed to appropriate funds for a cultural exchange between the State of Maine and Aomori, Japan. The bill also authorized the acceptance of grants, private gifts and donations in support of bringing the Aomori exhibit to Maine.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-144)** proposed to require the State Controller to transfer \$200,000 from the State Contingent Account in fiscal year 1999-00 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. This transfer would fund the \$200,000 General Fund appropriation in the same fiscal year to bring an art exhibit in Aomori, Japan to Maine. This amendment clarified that the appropriation is one-time funding only.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-389)** proposed to reduce the appropriation to the Maine State Museum to \$110,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and offset these costs with a deappropriation of \$110,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 from the Executive Department.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 452 appropriates \$110,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Maine State Museum to bring an art exhibit from Aomori, Japan to Maine as part of a cultural exchange and offsets these costs with a deappropriation of \$110,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 from the Governor's Office within the Executive Department.