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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 499

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library and for Library Resource Sharing

**P & S 55
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLWELL	OTP MAJ	S-391 MICHAUD
CATHCART	ONTP MIN	

LD 499 proposed to increase the Maine State Library's acquisition budget to the level of the other area reference and resource centers located at the Bangor and Portland Public Libraries. The bill also provided funds to merge the current CD ROM program, MaineCat, with the on-line Maine Info Net project to produce a single comprehensive and accurate statewide library catalog immediately accessible from any computer with an Internet connection.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-391) proposed to eliminate the appropriation of \$75,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to support an improved version of MaineCat since funding for this program was included in the "Part 2" budget bill, (see Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part A).

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 55 increases the Maine State Library's acquisition budget for the purchase of library materials by providing an additional General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 1999-00.

LD 516

An Act to Restore and Improve Family Planning and Pregnancy Prevention Services

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND MILLS		

LD 516 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$1,000,000 during the 2000-2001 biennium to purchase family planning and pregnancy prevention services. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 547

An Act to Restore Advocacy Services for Children with Disabilities

ONTP

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

LD 547 proposed the appropriation of \$80,000 in each year of the 2000-2001 biennium for the Disability Rights Center, formerly Maine Advocacy Services, to continue funding that was provided for fiscal year 1998-99 in Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 84. While this bill was not enacted into law, General Fund appropriations for this purpose equal to these amounts were included in Public Law 1999, chapter 16, Part A.