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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
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JULY 1999

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select 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 and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees 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).

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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 510

An Act to Favor Maine Companies in Awarding Bids

ONTP

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

LD 510 proposed to allow in-state bidders on state contracts an opportunity to match the price of a nonresident bidder if the in-state bidder offers commodities or services that are otherwise equivalent to that offered by the nonresident bidder and the initial price offered by the in-state bidder is within 10% of the price offered by the nonresident bidder.

LD 511

An Act to Increase the Amount Below Which Counties Do Not Need to Solicit Bids for Purchases

PUBLIC 14

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN CASSIDY	OTP	

LD 511 proposed to increase the amount that county commissioners may spend for services, supplies, material and equipment before having to solicit bids.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 14 amends current law to increase from \$1,000 to \$2,500 the amount that county commissioners may spend for services, supplies, material and equipment before having to solicit bids under a competitive bid process.

LD 525

An Act to Establish Recall Provisions for Elected County and Municipal Officials

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 525 proposed to provide voters with the option to petition for the recall of any elected municipal or county official.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-223) was the minority report and was not adopted. It proposed to amend the original bill by adding the requirement that county commissioners or city clerks notify the Secretary of State of any changes in elected officials as a result of a recall election authorized by this bill.

LD 529

An Act Regarding Retainage on Major State and School Construction Projects

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J BUMPS		