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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
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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 492 proposed to appropriate funds to the Foundation for Blood Research for the ScienceWorks for ME equipment donation program. This funding would support expansion of the program to reach more schools with more equipment.

The provisions of this bill were subsequently amended and incorporated into a committee bill (LD 2243, P&S 1999, chapter 33) and into the Part 2 budget (Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part TT).

LD 643 **An Act to Implement the Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development Relating to Funding the Maine Economic Improvement Fund** **ONTP**

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

LD 643 proposed to appropriate funds to the Maine Economic Improvement Fund, administered by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, to support applied research and development and product innovation in target areas within the University of Maine System.

The provisions of this bill were subsequently amended and incorporated into the Part 2 budget (Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part TT).

See also LD 2243.

LD 654 **An Act to Implement a Recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development Relating to Professional Development in the Use of Technology** **ONTP**

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

LD 654 proposed to appropriate funds for the development and implementation of professional development and curricular development programs to train K through 12 teachers to effectively use technology in the classroom. The University of Maine System would collaborate with the Department of Education, the Maine Technical College System and the regional education partnerships to provide these programs.

LD 666 **Resolve, to Designate and Fund a State Research Library for Business, Science and Technology** **ONTP**

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

LD 666 proposed to designate the Raymond H. Fogler Library at the University of Maine as the State Research Library for Business, Science and Technology. It also proposed to appropriate funds to the University of Maine System for the