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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.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE MURPHY T	OTP-AM	S-62

LD 983 proposed that funding for the Centers for Innovation program that was included in the total appropriation of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation be established as a separate entity for budgeting purposes, and that the funding level be at least the amounts allocated to the program in fiscal year 1998-99.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-62) proposed to deappropriate \$308,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 from the Maine Science and Technology Foundation program and appropriate the same amounts to the Centers for Innovation program as a separate appropriation. The funding level provided represented the amount allocated to the Centers for Innovation program in fiscal year 1998-99. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 420 establishes the Centers for Innovation program as a separate appropriation and requires that the funding level for the program be at least the amounts allocated to the program in fiscal year 1998-99. To accomplish this, it appropriates \$308,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Centers for Innovation program and deappropriates the same amounts from the Maine Science and Technology Foundation.

LD 990

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Reduce Household Hazardous Waste and Mercury Contamination and to Increase Recycling of Municipal Solid Waste through Investment in Capital Equipment and Collection Programs in the Amount of \$2,000,000

ONTP

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TREAT SHIAH	ONTP	

LD 990 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000 to reduce household hazardous waste and mercury contamination and to increase recycling of municipal solid waste.

The amount of \$1,500,000 would have been provided to the State Planning Office to provide funds for the municipal recycling capital grants program to be used for the purchase of recycling and other equipment and construction in order to increase recycling; and for programs to reduce hazardous materials in the waste stream through source separation, collection and return to manufacturers, recycling or proper disposal. The remaining \$500,000 would have been allocated to the Department of Environmental Protection to provide funds to establish regional household hazardous waste and mercury collection programs, including battery collection.