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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.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-229)** proposed to provide funding for wage increases to workers employed by community mental retardation services providers. It directed the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to implement the wage increases through contracts and service agreements with community agencies. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$1,199,000 and \$1,600,000 in fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-01 respectively for this purpose was enacted as part of the "Part 2" budget bill (see Public Law 1999, chapter 401, part SS).

**LD 1279                      An Act to Provide Funds for a New Historical Atlas of Maine                      INDEF PP**

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

LD 1279 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$800,000 to the University of Maine System to allow the Cultural Heritage Preservation Committee at the University of Maine to develop and publish a new Historical Atlas of Maine.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-297)** proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation by \$440,000, and provided an appropriation of \$360,000 to develop and publish a new Historic Atlas of Maine. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$160,000 for this purpose was included in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part HH.

**LD 1302                      An Act to Provide Partial Funding for Construction of the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service                      INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN	OTP        MAJ	
LAWRENCE	ONTP       MIN	

LD 1302 proposed a General Fund appropriation of \$3,500,000 to be used with other public and private funding sources to construct the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service on the campus of the University of Southern Maine. While this bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$3,500,000 for this purpose was included in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part EE.

**LD 1317                      An Act to Appropriate Additional Funding for Court-appointed Counsel                      INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	
ROWE		

LD 1317 proposed to appropriate from the General Fund \$3,000,000 in 1990-00 and \$3,175,000 in 2000-01 to increase the rate paid to court-appointed counsel from \$40 per hour to \$60 per hour.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-123)** proposed to appropriate from the General Fund \$1,500,000 in 1999-00 and \$1,587,500 in 2000-01 to increase the rate paid to court-appointed counsel from \$40 per hour to \$50 per hour. This bill as amended by this amendment was indefinitely postponed off the Special Appropriations Table. The "Part 2" budget bill, Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part HH, includes funding to increase the rate paid to court-appointed counsel to \$50 per hour effective July 1, 2000.