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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 1321

An Act to Increase Long-term Health Care Options

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE TOWNSEND	OTP-AM	

LD 1321 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$2,400,000 in the 2000-2001 biennium for up to 3 new assisted living facilities in Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-75) proposed to reduce the appropriation to \$1,000,000 annually and required a competitive bid process for the new assisted living facilities. While this amendment was not adopted and the bill was indefinitely postponed, a General Fund appropriation of \$900,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for congregate housing was included in Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part A-1.

LD 1341

An Act to Provide Additional Funding for the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

P & S 51

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-161

LD 1341 proposed to provide additional funding to the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission to meet its obligations under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-161) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriation in the bill to \$15,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 51 provides one-time additional funding of \$15,000 in each year of the 2000-2001 biennium for the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission to support additional tribal participation by the Houlton Band of Maliseets and Aroostook Band of Micmacs and to strengthen commission staffing.

LD 1360

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Committee on Substance Abuse

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN DAGGETT		

LD 1360 proposed to provide an additional General Fund appropriation to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to implement the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Substance Abuse by providing additional statewide substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.