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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.

from the fund would have been limited to 3/4 of the annual revenue unless approved by a vote of 3/4 of the members of the Senate and the House. This bill was jointly referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also see Public Law, Chapter 401, Part V, (LD 617), the Part 2 budget bill.

**LD 1662                      An Act to Protect the Public's Health through State-funded Rabies Testing                      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY DUNLAP		

LD 1662 proposed that all costs associated with rabid animals be funded through a yearly appropriation from the State's General Fund to the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory within the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health. Current state law requires all laboratory costs, including transportation, quarantine, euthanasia and testing of undomesticated animals to be paid by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and all laboratory costs relating to a domesticated animal to be paid by the owner of that animal. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**LD 1666                      An Act to Ensure That Funds from Maine's Medicaid Settlement with Tobacco Product Manufacturers are used to Expand Access to Health Care for Maine People                      ONTP**

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

LD 1666 proposed to establish the Healthy Maine Program to provide health care coverage, Medicaid coverage and prescription drug coverage for adults 62 years of age and older, disabled persons and children. Benefits would have been provided under the Healthy Maine Program, the Medicaid program and the Cub Care program. This bill was jointly referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also see Public Law, Chapter 401, Part V, (LD 617), the Part 2 budget bill.

**LD 1675                      An Act to Provide Adequate Maine State Museum Services                      ONTP**

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

LD 1675 proposed to appropriate funds to upgrade a Museum Specialist II position to full time within the Maine State Museum.