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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 1928**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Repairs, Renovations and Additions to Public Schools****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TREAT WATSON	ONTP	

LD 1928 proposed a \$50,000,000 bond issue to be presented to the voters in November 1999. The bond issue would have provided funds to be deposited into the School Revolving Renovation Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-F and must have been used for the repair and renovation of public schools to correct health and safety violations and violations of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. It also would have allowed funds to be used for additions to public schools when those additions were made in combination with correcting those violations.

LD 1934**Resolve, to Reinstate Emergency Assistance for Dependents of Veterans CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 1934 proposed to appropriate \$200,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to provide financial aid to veterans and their dependents in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 505. The program has existed for years but has not received funding since the budget crises of the early 1990's. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1935**An Act to Create a Staff Position at the Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse****VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE SAXL M	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-140

LD 1935 proposed to create the position of Director of the Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse and proposed to appropriate \$90,768 and \$86,042 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to the Department of Public Safety to hire a director and a part-time clerk typist to staff the commission.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-140), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, proposed to appropriate \$35,004 and \$40,077 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to the Department of Public Safety to hire a Clerk Typist II to staff the Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse.

The bill, as amended by this amendment, was vetoed by the Governor and the veto sustained.