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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 2144

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition of Lands and Interests in Lands for Conservation, Water Access, Outdoor Recreation, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Farmland Protection and to Access \$25,000,000 in Matching Contributions from Public and Private Sources

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Amendments Adopted

LD 2144 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000, that would have been used by the Land for Maine's Future Board to acquire lands and interests in lands for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat and farmland protection. To maximize the effectiveness of this investment in Maine's future, the board would have been required to secure matching contributions greater than or equal to half the total amount of bond proceeds expended. While LD 2144 was not enacted, Public Law 1999, chapter 514 (see LD 2253) was enacted which authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for public land acquisition subject to voter approval in November 1999.

LD 2145

An Act to Fund Continuing Public Access to Maine Lands

ONTP

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Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2145 proposed to add 5 legislative members to the Land for Maine's Future Board and give the Land for Maine's Future Board authority to issue bonds to fund the Land for Maine's Future Fund with a cap of \$100,000,000 on outstanding bonds for this purpose. In addition to bonds and other public and private funding sources, the bill also proposed to establish the following funding sources for the Land for Maine's Future Fund: revenue generated by state agencies from property acquired using the Land for Maine's Future Fund; fees from newly established Land for Maine's Future Fund motor vehicle registration plates; and 1/4 of the real estate transfer tax revenues returned to the State Tax Assessor by registers of deeds. It also proposed to make clear that applicable municipal ordinances apply to property acquired through the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund. While LD 2145 was not enacted, Public Law 1999, chapter 514 (see LD 2253) was enacted which authorized a \$50,000,000 bond issue for public land acquisition subject to voter approval in November 1999.

LD 2159

An Act to Reimburse Androscoggin County for Shortfalls in State Reimbursement for Jail Costs

CARRIED OVER

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Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2159 proposed to reimburse Androscoggin County for the amount of county jail prisoner support costs that were incurred by Androscoggin County for the years 1991 to 1996 for which the county was not reimbursed by the State. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.