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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 2167

An Act to Ensure the Availability of Funds for Tobacco Prevention and Control

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUHLIN MATTHEWS	ONTP	

LD 2167 proposed to establish the Tobacco Prevention and Control Fund and the Health Care Fund for Maine Citizens. The bill proposed to continue the commitment of tobacco tax revenues for the prevention and control of tobacco usage prevention and control and provide that settlement funds received from legal actions by the State against tobacco companies be divided equally between the Tobacco Prevention and Control Fund and the Health Care Fund for Maine Citizens. See also Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Parts U & V.

LD 2169

An Act to Establish the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE PARADIS	ONTP	

LD 2169 proposed to establish the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine, which would have as its primary source of revenue money received by the State in settlement or in relation to the lawsuit State of Maine v. Philip Morris, et al., Kennebec County Superior Court, Docket No. CV-97-134.

Money from the fund would be allocated by the Legislature for smoking cessation and education, children's early care and education, health insurance, substance abuse prevention and treatment with particular emphasis on meeting the needs of children in those areas. Allocations would also be made for low-cost prescription drugs for the elderly.

The bill proposed to require the Treasurer of State to invest money in the fund that is not allocated and to develop a long-term strategy for those investments to maximize return and minimize risk. The Treasurer of State would make annual reports on the investment plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. See also Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Parts U & V.

LD 2191

An Act to Establish the Maine Tobacco Endowment Fund Using Tobacco Settlement Funds

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AMERO CIANCHETTE	ONTP	

LD 2191 proposed to create the Maine Tobacco Endowment Fund, referred to in this summary as the "fund," into which funds from any settlement with the tobacco industry would be placed. As an endowment fund, the fund's principal could not be expended but rather only the interest that is incurred through investments. The fund would be governed by a nine-member board whose members represent or have an interest in anti-tobacco, family, child, elderly or general health issues. Proceeds for the fund would be designated to benefit three programs: The Healthy Start Program for Maine, operated by the Bureau of Health; the Partnership for a Tobacco-Free Maine, operated by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program of the Bureau of Health and the elderly low-cost drug program. See also Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Parts U & V.