

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
 FROM: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst  
 DATE: July, 2000  
 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The bill summaries for your committee also include 4 bills that, although discussed in work sessions, were never referred. LD's 2589, 2646, 2664 and 2692 were discussed as part of your committee process and are therefore included in this document for your information.

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:

*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 amendment 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 2203

**An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Welfare-to-work Program**

ONTP

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

LD 2203 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$3,900,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Department of Labor for the Welfare-to-Work program, a federal grant program to assist states in providing job placement services, transitional employment and support services to welfare recipients. The proposed appropriation would have allowed the State to access \$7,800,000 in matching federal funds.

While this bill was reported Ought Not to Pass, a General Fund appropriation for the Welfare to Work Program of \$350,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 was included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part HHHH-3.

**LD 2302**

**An Act to Appropriate Funds to Build the Capitol Park Connector Trail**

ONTP

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

LD 2302 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$75,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to provide funds to the City of Augusta to build the Capitol Park Connector Trail and a retaining wall from Capitol Park to the Kennebec River Rail Trail.

LD 2336

**Resolve, to Provide Funds to the Bureau of Veterans' Services to Enhance the Efficiency of Regional Field Offices in Delivering Services to Veterans**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-780

LD 2336 proposed to implement one of the recommendations of the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits. This resolve proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$115,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Defense, Veterans' and Emergency Management to restore funding for support staff positions in the Bureau of Veterans' Services regional field offices that were eliminated in the budget cuts of 1990. The personal services funds would have supported the hiring of one new support staff position in the bureau's Springvale office and increase from part-time positions to full-time positions the support staff in 4 other regional offices. The resolve also proposed to provide the bureau funds to purchase new computers and software for the regional offices. The funds also would have provided computer training to regional office staff members.