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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
TAXATION**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation
 FROM: Julie Jones, Legislative Analyst
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 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 Taxation 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 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 2567

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2000-01

**P & S 91
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-989

LD 2567 proposed to establish the municipal cost components for state and county services provided in the unorganized territory that would be paid for by a municipality.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-989) proposed to require that reimbursement for Hancock County be reduced by \$5,000 to provide funds for an appropriation for ferry service that was directed to be paid in 1999 (see also LD 2632 included in the bill summaries for the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs). The amendment also proposed to authorize repairs to the roof of the Benedicta School and to reduce reimbursement to Somerset County for amounts no longer needed.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 91 establishes the municipal cost components for state and county services provided in the unorganized territory that would be paid for by a municipality. The law provides an appropriation for ferry service in Hancock County and for repair of the roof of the Benedicta School.

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 91 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2000.

LD 2602

An Act to Repeal the Sales Tax on Snack Food Except Candy and Confections

PUBLIC 698

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-1014

LD 2602 was an initiated bill that proposed to eliminate the sales tax on snack foods.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-1014) proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 698 eliminates the sales tax on snack foods. Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part R (LD 2510, included in the bill summaries for the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs) establishes an effective date for this law of January 1, 2001.