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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 2626**

**An Act to Modify Adjustments in Property Valuation**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUPLESSIE RUHLIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 2626 proposed to allow a municipality that had received an adjustment in its state valuation pursuant to the procedure provided by statute to request a further adjustment based on a continuing situation that caused a further reduction in the value of the property. The bill was intended to address a situation relating to the state valuation of the City of Westbrook.

**LD 2641**

**An Act to Exempt a Portion of Private and Public Pensions from Income Taxation**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

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

LD 2641 was reported by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 1003). The bill proposed an income tax deduction for public and private pension income to the extent that the pension income, together with social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits, does not exceed \$10,000. The bill would have made no change to current law that exempts all social security and railroad retirement benefits from state income tax. The provisions of this bill, with an exemption level of \$6,000, were enacted in the budget bill, Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part S. See also LDs 2459 and 2542.

**LD 2643**

**An Act to Ensure that Certain Land Transfers Accomplished through Stock Transfers are not Exempt from the Transfer Tax**

**DIED IN  
CONCURRENCE**

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

LD 2643 was a New Draft with New Title of LD 1883 reported by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 310.4. The bill contains the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation regarding its interim study of the application of the real estate transfer tax to transfers of controlling interests in entities with an interest in real property. The tax would be collected and revenues distributed in the same manner as the tax on deeds. This bill was not accepted by the Senate, and LD 1883 was rereferred to Committee. See also LD 1883.