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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and
Second Special Session*

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

May 2004

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm).

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
- P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
- PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
- 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

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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5. The sum of \$1,800,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$6,000,000 in federal funds.

LD 1572, Public Law 2003, chapter 33, Part B which was approved by the voters in November 2003, authorized the amount of \$6,950,000 as follows:

- A. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$10,000,000 in federal funds;
- B. The sum of \$1,500,000 to provide grants to construct water pollution control facilities;
- C. The sum of \$500,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
- D. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to rural communities to solve local pollution problems;
- E. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to municipalities and individuals to eliminate licensed overboard discharges to shellfish areas, great ponds and drainage areas of less than 10 square miles;
- F. The sum of \$1,200,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$4,140,000 in federal funds; and
- G. The sum of \$750,000 to provide grants for the construction of environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops.

LD 1572

**An Act To Authorize Bond Issues for Ratification by the
Voters at the November 2003 Election**

P & S 33

Sponsor(s) HATCH, PH USHER	Committee Report OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	Amendments Adopted S-317 H-622 BRANNIGAN
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LD 1572 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$75,000,000 to be used for highways and bridges; airports; state-owned ferry vessels and ferry and port facilities; port and harbor structures; development of rail corridors and improvements to railroad structures and intermodal facilities; investment in the statewide public transportation fleet and public park and ride and service facilities; and statewide trail and pedestrian improvements.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-317) was the majority report of the committee. It proposed to replace the bill and authorize a total transportation and General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$93,800,000 for the following purposes:

- 1. Part A proposed to authorize the amount of \$60,800,000 to be used for highways and bridges, airports, state-owned ferry vessels and ferry and port facilities and port and harbor structures; development of rail corridors and improvements to railroad structures and intermodal facilities; investment in the statewide

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public transportation fleet and public park and ride and service facilities; statewide trail and pedestrian improvements; and statewide expansion of the air-medical response system;

2. Part B proposed to authorize the amount of \$7,500,000 as follows:

- A. The sum of \$2,500,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
- B. The sum of \$1,500,000 to provide grants to construct water pollution control facilities;
- C. The sum of \$800,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
- D. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to rural communities to solve local pollution problems;
- E. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to municipalities and individuals to eliminate licensed overboard discharges to shellfish areas, great ponds and drainage areas of less than 10 square miles; and
- F. The sum of \$1,700,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$5,865,000 in federal funds; and

3. Part C proposed to authorize the amount of \$25,500,000 as follows:

- A. The sum of \$6,000,000 to address health, safety and compliance deficiencies in the University of Maine System;
- B. The sum of \$2,000,000 to improve and expand the facilities and classrooms at the University of Maine Lewiston-Auburn campus;
- C. The sum of \$12,500,000 to make repairs, upgrades and other facility improvements, enhance access to facilities for students with disabilities and update classroom equipment at all community college campuses;
- D. The sum of \$1,000,000 to make repairs and replace classroom and other facilities at the Maine Maritime Academy;
- E. The sum of \$1,500,000 to provide grants to construct and renovate public libraries and to improve community access to electronic resources;
- F. The sum of \$2,500,000 to provide grants for renovations and capital repairs and improvements of public school facilities.

House Amendment “I” to Committee Amendment “A” (H-622) proposed to replace the bill and authorize a total general obligation bond issue in the amount of \$89,400,000 for the following purposes:

Part A proposed to authorize the amount of \$63,450,000 to be used for highways and bridges, airports, state-owned ferry vessels and ferry and port facilities and port and harbor structures; development of rail corridors and improvements to railroad structures and intermodal facilities; investment in the statewide public transportation fleet and public park and ride and service facilities; statewide trail and pedestrian improvements; and statewide expansion of the air-medical response system;

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2. Part B proposed to authorize the amount of \$6,950,000 as follows:
 - A. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$10,000,000 in federal funds;
 - B. The sum of \$1,500,000 to provide grants to construct water pollution control facilities;
 - C. The sum of \$500,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
 - D. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to rural communities to solve local pollution problems;
 - E. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to municipalities and individuals to eliminate licensed overboard discharges to shellfish areas, great ponds and drainage areas of less than 10 square miles;
 - F. The sum of \$1,200,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$4,140,000 in federal funds; and
 - G. The sum of \$750,000 to provide grants for the construction of environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops.
3. Part C proposed to authorize the amount of \$19,000,000 as follows:
 - A. The sum of \$2,500,000 to address health, safety and compliance deficiencies in the University of Maine System;
 - B. The sum of \$2,000,000 to improve and expand the facilities and classrooms at the University of Maine Lewiston-Auburn campus;
 - C. The sum of \$12,000,000 to make repairs, upgrades and other facility improvements, enhance access to facilities for students with disabilities and update equipment at all community college campuses;
 - D. The sum of \$1,000,000 to make repairs and replace classroom and other facilities at the Maine Maritime Academy; and
 - E. The sum of \$1,500,000 to provide grants to construct and renovate public libraries and to improve community access to electronic resources.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 2003, chapter 33 authorizes a total transportation and General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$89,400,000 for the following purposes:

Part A authorizes the amount of \$63,450,000 to be used for highways and bridges, airports, state-owned ferry vessels and ferry and port facilities and port and harbor structures; development of rail corridors and improvements to railroad structures and intermodal facilities; investment in the statewide public transportation fleet and public park and ride and service facilities; statewide trail and pedestrian improvements; and statewide expansion of the air-medical response system through construction of hospital helipads, building additional refueling facilities, upgrading nonfunctional systems and delivering training equipment to improve access to health care;

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Part B authorized the amount of \$6,950,000 as follows:

- A. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$10,000,000 in federal funds;
- B. The sum of \$1,500,000 to provide grants to construct water pollution control facilities;
- C. The sum of \$500,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
- D. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to rural communities to solve local pollution problems;
- E. The sum of \$500,000 to provide grants to municipalities and individuals to eliminate licensed overboard discharges to shellfish areas, great ponds and drainage areas of less than 10 square miles; and
- F. The sum of \$1,200,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$4,140,000 in federal funds; and
- G. The sum of \$750,000 to provide grants for the construction of environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops.

Part C authorizes the amount of \$19,000,000 as follows:

- A. The sum of \$2,500,000 to address health, safety and compliance deficiencies in the University of Maine System;
- B. The sum of \$2,000,000 to improve and expand the facilities and classrooms at the University of Maine Lewiston-Auburn campus;
- C. The sum of \$12,000,000 to make repairs, upgrades and other facility improvements, enhance access to facilities for students with disabilities and update equipment at all community college campuses;
- D. The sum of \$1,000,000 to make repairs and replace classroom and other facilities at the Maine Maritime Academy; and
- E. The sum of \$1,500,000 to provide grants to construct and renovate public libraries and to improve community access to electronic resources.

Public and Special 2003, chapter 33 was approved by the voters in November 2003.