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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

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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 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:

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| 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 (Pocket Veto) | 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 August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 544 **An Act To Ensure Statewide Access for Schools and Libraries to On-line Reference Materials and Periodicals** **ONTP**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> EDMONDS | | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 544 proposed an annual appropriation of \$450,000 beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 to the Maine State Library to fund on-line reference materials to provide access to information from schools and libraries through statewide licensing of reference materials.

(Note: 2005 P & S Law, c. 57 appropriated \$25,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Maine State Library for the purpose stated above.)

LD 550 **An Act To Appropriate Matching Funds for the Construction of a Community Center in Oxford Hills** **P & S 58**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLETT HASTINGS | | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1079 |
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LD 550 proposed one-time funds to support the construction of a convention center in Oxford Hills to match approximately \$250,000 in private funds that had already been pledged.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-1079) proposed to change the title of the bill, eliminating the emergency preamble and the emergency clause and appropriating \$50,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provide a grant to the Oxford County Agricultural Society to support the construction of a community center on land owned by the association.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 58 provides a one-time appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2006-07, to be matched by private funds of at least that amount, to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provide a grant to the Oxford County Agricultural Society to support the construction of a community center on land owned by the association.

LD 586 **An Act To Authorize a General Bond Issue To Improve the Quality and Safety of Teaching and Science Laboratories** **ONTP**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> SCHNEIDER NORTON | | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 586 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to modernize and improve the teaching and science laboratories, libraries and general classrooms in the University of Maine System.