

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and  
First Special Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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).

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:

- CARRIED OVER ..... Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

*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**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> EDMONDS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 544 proposed to provide an appropriation 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.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

**LD 550**                      **An Act To Appropriate Matching Funds for the Construction of a Convention Center in Oxford Hills**                      **CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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

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

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

**LD 588**                      **An Act To Restore Support for HIV and AIDS Treatment and Prevention**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUDLEY COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP      MAJ ONTP     MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

LD 588 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$350,000 in each of fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 for the Bureau of Health within the Department of Health and Human Services for HIV and AIDS treatment and prevention.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

**LD 622**                      **An Act To Provide Funding towards the Employment of a**                      **CARRIED OVER**  
**Demersal Finfish Ecologist by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAELIN	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	H-230

LD 622 proposed to appropriate funds for the Department of Marine Resources to use to pay for its share of the costs of a demersal finfish ecologist to be employed by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-230)** proposed to reduce the increase in funds for the Department of Marine Resources to use to pay for its share of the costs of a demersal finfish ecologist to be employed by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and restrict funding to the 2006-2007 biennium only.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

**LD 636**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Construct a**                      **CARRIED OVER**  
**Freshwater Aquaculture and Freshwater Species Biotechnology**  
**Center**

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

LD 636 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000, to be used to construct a freshwater aquaculture and freshwater species biotechnology center.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

**LD 639**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Rebuild the**                      **ONTP**  
**Historic Pier at Fort Preble**

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