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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

July 2006

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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:

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 844

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Stimulate
Maine's Economy**

ONTP

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

LD 844 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$120,000,000 to stimulate economic development in the state through investments in research and development, municipal infrastructure and affordable housing and direct business support in the State as follows:

1. The sum of \$15,000,000 to create jobs and reduce property taxes by providing grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure;
2. The sum of \$10,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions;
3. The sum of \$5,000,000 to support the State's applied development technology centers;
4. The sum of \$22,000,000 to partner with the marine biotechnology industry to undertake marine biotechnology research;
5. The sum of \$6,000,000 to provide access to capital for small businesses that demonstrate potential for high growth and public benefit;
6. The sum of \$25,000,000 to provide direct support to businesses in the State;
7. The sum of \$12,000,000 for affordable housing; and
8. The sum of \$25,000,000 for University of Maine research and development activities.

LD 876

**An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage
Development of Maine's Traditional Industries**

ONTP

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

LD 876 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000 for funding the Farms for the Future Program and to establish and fund a new Fisheries for the Future Program, which would include encouraging and helping people who fish commercially to join and start new fisheries projects, including hatcheries, cooperative waterfront access space, aquaculture and expansion of traditional industries.