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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 890 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Certain State Parks** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WESTON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 890 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$8,000,000 to finance improvement, upkeep and proper management of those state parks on the critical list produced by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

LD 891 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fight Global Warming through Energy Conservation** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STRIMLING		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 891 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$100,000,000 to fight global warming through energy conservation.

LD 926 **An Act Authorizing a General Fund Bond Issue To Preserve Maine's Traditional Working Waterfront and Farming Economies by Ensuring Access to Working Waterfront and Farmland** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERCY MILLS P		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 926 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$30,000,000 for funding the Working Farm Access Program to help farmers gain access to farmland at a more affordable cost and to establish the Working Waterfront Access Program to help people who fish commercially gain or maintain access to the working waterfront.