

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and  
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*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
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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 1020**

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate Economic Growth and Job Creation through Investments in the Maine Economy**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SMITH N		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1020 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$78,850,000 to be used to stimulate economic growth and job creation through investments in the Maine economy. The funds would be used for the following purposes:

PART A proposed the following:

1. The sum of \$22,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in anticipation of approximately \$100,000,000 in federal and private funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing high-quality Maine jobs;
2. The sum of \$850,000 to purchase the property known as Black Duck Cove on Great Wass Island to serve as the home of the Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education;
3. The sum of \$9,000,000 for marine research and development in anticipation of \$9,000,000 in federal and private funding for competitive capital infrastructure grants to sustain and develop Maine's marine-based economy;
4. The sum of \$5,000,000 for forestry and agricultural research and development in anticipation of \$5,000,000 in federal and private funding for competitive grants to sustain Maine's forestry and agricultural economy;
5. The sum of \$2,000,000 for the Small Enterprise Growth Fund for equity investments in small Maine companies with potential for high growth to leverage private equity investments;
6. The sum of \$5,000,000 for the New Century Community Program for capital improvements to cultural resources;
7. The sum of \$1,000,000 for sustainable water sources and irrigation system development to leverage private funds of at least \$800,000;
8. The sum of \$1,000,000 to replenish the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund to support farm business development, to leverage private funds of at least \$600,000;
9. The sum of \$3,000,000 for grants through Working Waterfronts Conservation Program to leverage \$3,000,000 in matching funds;
10. The sum of \$5,000,000 to furnish and outfit the new bioscience building at the University of Southern Maine with laboratories and equipment to leverage \$1,200,000 in federal funds;
11. The sum of \$6,000,000 to build the University of Maine cold water aquaculture marine science facility to leverage approximately \$10,000,000 in federal funds;

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- 12. The sum of \$4,000,000 to outfit the Laboratory for Surface Science Technology clean room facility at the University of Maine with state-of-the-art nanofabrication tools and instrumentation to leverage \$4,000,000 in federal grants and contracts for research;
- 13. The sum of \$3,000,000 to renovate Camden Hall on the University of Maine-Bangor campus for a graduate school for biomedical science;
- 14. The sum of \$2,000,000 for capital costs and equipment for the career center facility at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College;
- 15. The sum of \$1,000,000 for education loan repayment incentives through the Finance Authority of Maine to retain and recruit skilled workers in Maine;
- 16. The sum of \$3,000,000 for recapitalization of the Economic Recovery Program through the Finance Authority of Maine;
- 17. The sum of \$1,000,000 for the development of the Sunrise Business and Career Center in the Town of Jonesboro;
- 18. The sum of \$4,000,000 to provide funds for the development of affordable workforce housing and downtown housing and for weatherization and home repair in anticipation of an additional \$9,000,000 in other public and private funding; and
- 19. The sum of \$1,000,000 for family and elderly housing options for Native American tribes through the Four Directions Development Corporation to help attract \$1,000,000 in federal funds.

Part B of this bill proposed to establish a grant program for the acquisition of real estate that constitutes working waterfront in coastal harbors.

Part C of this bill proposed to reorganize the laws governing the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund.

Part D of this bill proposed to establish the Maine Recruitment and Retention Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to provide repayment of educational loans of individuals who have a bachelor's degree and work in Maine for 4 years.

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

**LD 1035**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for the Land for Maine's Future Program**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1035 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to be used to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future program with \$50,000,000 to continue the State's land conservation efforts, to be matched by at least \$25,000,000 in private and public funds.