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*State Of Maine
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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 1020

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

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)
SMITH N

Committee Report
JT RULE 309

Amendments Adopted

LD 1020 does the following:

Part A of this bill 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 as follows:

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;

