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STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AUGUST 1999

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst

Date: August, 1999

Re: Bill Summaries, 119th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999. Joint orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. 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*
READ AND PASSED..... *Joint Order passed by the House and Senate*
PASSED AS AMENDED *Joint Order passed as amended by the House and Senate*

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

LD 548**An Act to Appropriate Funds for Conservation at the Local Level****VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND KILKELLY	OTP-AM	H-173

LD 548 proposed to appropriate \$800,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. These funds were to be provided as grants to the 16 local soil and water conservation districts across the State. These funds were intended to be used for operating costs to better enable the districts to respond effectively to local conservation needs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-173) reduced the proposed appropriation to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to \$560,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

The bill, as amended by this amendment, was vetoed by the Governor and the veto sustained.

LD 549**An Act to Fund Maine Agricultural Education Programs****P & S 41**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND KILKELLY	OTP	

LD 549 proposed to appropriate \$20,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. These funds were to be provided as grants to statewide agricultural organizations for the purpose of furthering the development of agricultural education programs across the State.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 41 appropriates \$20,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. These funds will be provided as grants to statewide agricultural organizations for the purpose of furthering the development of agricultural education programs across the State.

LD 565**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 for Infrastructure Improvements for the Maine Technical College System****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL MURRAY	ONTP	

LD 565 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$30,000,000, that would have been used for infrastructure improvements at Maine's 7 technical colleges. The \$30,000,000 was required to be matched by \$15,000,000 of private or in-kind donations.