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STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

	G-8	Appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
H	H-1	Presents a list of tax expenditures to be continued by the Legislature in accordance with Title 5, section 1666
I	I-1:I-7	Provides unallocated language directives for Other Special Revenue funds, Federal Block Grant funds and enterprise funds
J	J-1	Appropriates \$800,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Preschool Handicapped program
K	K-1:K-4	Continues the Voluntary Employee Incentive Program
L	L-1:L-2	Directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to review the licensing boards administered by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to assess the continuing need for each board and present recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 1999
M	M-1: M-2	Renames the General Fund program "Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund" in the Maine State Housing Authority, the "Shelter Operating Subsidy" program
	M-3	Directs the Maine State Housing Authority to expend additional funds from the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund for the Shelter Operating Subsidy program
N	N-1	Exempts the Maine Seed Potato Board from certain state purchasing requirements
O	O-1:O-2	Directs the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Director of the State Planning Office to develop a cost savings plan for those agencies receiving fees or assessments from nuclear facilities and present their recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 1999
P	P-1	Requires the Department of Human Services to report annually to the Legislature on the impact of the elimination of Medicare Part A crossover payments

LD 674

An Act to Support Community Radio

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 674 proposed annual appropriations of \$100,000 to provide support for community nonprofit radio stations in Maine.