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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

JULY 2000

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
FROM: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst
DATE: July, 2000
RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The bill summaries for your committee also include 4 bills that, although discussed in work sessions, were never referred. LD's 2589, 2646, 2664 and 2692 were discussed as part of your committee process and are therefore included in this document for your information.

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:

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 amendment 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.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEIL	ONTP MAJ	
HARRIMAN	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 864 proposed to establish an Expenditure Forecasting Committee in order to provide the executive and legislative branches with analyses, findings and recommendations related to the projection of expenditures for the General Fund, Highway Fund and other funds of State Government. The committee would have been modeled on the Revenue Forecasting Committee, originally established in statute in 1995.

This bill also proposed to make technical changes to the authorizing legislation of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission and the Revenue Forecasting Committee so as to clarify their relationship to the Economic Forecasting Committee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-781) proposed to make a technical change to reflect a change in the law made by Public Law 1999, chapter 127 and add a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 937 **An Act to Improve Access to Health Care for School-age Children** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER	ONTP	
LIBBY		

LD 937 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$300,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Department of Human Services to support the 14 school-based health centers in Maine to allow them to continue to provide a wide range of easily accessible health-related services to Maine students. The proposed support was considered necessary because existing state, federal and private funding sources have traditionally been available only to start up these centers and because operating revenues, which are primarily derived from 3rd-party payors of health services, were frequently insufficient to maintain many essential services.

LD 1191 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Promote the Cranberry Industry** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASSIDY	ONTP	
ROWE		

LD 1191 proposed to create the Cranberry Product Loan Fund and the Cranberry Product Loan Program as mechanisms to promote the cranberry industry in Maine. The Cranberry Product Loan Program would have been administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. The authority would have made loans under the program to eligible borrowers for cranberry growing, harvesting, processing or marketing projects. Because of the length of time it takes to raise a marketable crop of cranberries, the authority would have had the ability to defer loan payments if necessary.

The bill also proposed a bond issue of \$5,000,000 to capitalize the Cranberry Product Loan Fund.