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STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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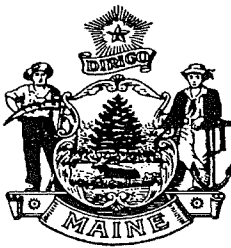
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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

From: Julie S. Jones, 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 Taxation 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.



<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DOUGLASS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 982 proposed to require the State to reimburse municipalities 100% for property tax revenue loss attributable to county property in that municipality used but not leased by the State.

**LD 1023                    An Act to Increase Eligibility Levels for Access to Prescription Drugs for the Elderly                    ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCALEVEY DOUGLASS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1023 proposed to make an elderly individual eligible for the elderly low cost drug program if the individual's sole source of income is Social Security benefits.

Bills relating to the elderly low cost drug program were heard jointly with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Please see bills indexed for that Committee.

See also the “Part 2” budget bill, PL 1999, chapter 401, Part KKK.

**LD 1029                    An Act to Encourage Support of Passamaquoddy Tribal Government Through On-reservation Business Activities                    PUBLIC 477**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SOCTOMAH	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-694
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LD 1029 proposed to make sales occurring on the Passamaquoddy reservation exempt from the state sales and use tax to the extent the sales are subject to a tribally imposed tax that does not exceed the sales tax that would otherwise be imposed.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-694)** proposed to replace the bill and provide that sales and use tax revenue attributable to sales occurring on the Passamaquoddy reservation must be returned to the Passamaquoddy Tribe after subtracting the amount transferred to the Local Government Fund.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 477 provides that sales and use tax revenue attributable to sales occurring on the Passamaquoddy reservation must be returned to the Passamaquoddy Tribe after subtracting the amount transferred to the Local Government Fund

**LD 1041                    An Act to Amend Municipal Revenue Sharing to Take Into Account Sales Tax Revenues                    ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GLYNN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1041 was a concept draft that proposed to establish a distribution of revenue sharing money based on sales tax receipts.