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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.

LD 1187

Resolve, to Preserve the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant Funds Reserved for Future Use

**RESOLVE 61
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-40
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LD 1187 proposed to clarify the Legislature's intent to reserve some funding from the federal block grant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families by stating that the funding was considered to be encumbered for reporting purposes to the Federal Government.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-40) proposed to add the required fiscal note to the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 61 clarifies the Legislature's intent to reserve some funding from the federal block grant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families by stating that the funding is considered to be encumbered for reporting purposes to the Federal Government.

LD 1191

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

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CASSIDY ROWE	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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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 be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. The authority would make 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 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.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-416), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

The bill was recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1198

An Act to Expand Opportunities for Education, Training and Employment for Displaced Homemakers

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PINGREE HATCH	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-405 MICHAUD
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LD 1198 proposed to increase funding for the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program statewide to sustain and expand education and training, employment and self-employment training, placement and transitional support services for displaced homemakers to lead to economic self-sufficiency. The funding would have provided for increased costs for existing centers and the creation of new service delivery sites in unserved areas of the State.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-405) proposed to reduce the General Fund appropriations provided for the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community.

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

LD 1234 An Act to Establish the Maine School Technology Fund ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WINSOR AMERO	ONTP	

LD 1234 proposed to establish the Maine School Technology Fund, the funding for which would have been provided from annual transfers of net state lottery revenues. The fund would have been used to assist schools maintain an ongoing technology replacement program and would have provided assistance to school staff in the use of instructional technology.

LD 1238 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of CARRIED OVER
\$10,000,000 for Historic Preservation

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP CATHCART		

LD 1238 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000, that would have been used to support the preservation of battle flags of the Maine's volunteer regiments and other projects designated by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1275 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Wage Fairness Task INDEF PP
Force

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE BERRY R	OTP-AM	

LD 1275 proposed to implement the recommendations of the Wage Fairness Task Force. It would have provided funding to achieve wage parity between direct-care workers employed by intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation and direct-care workers providing other community services for persons with mental retardation. The appropriation mirrored the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services' budget request for fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.