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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 1531****An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$13,500,000 for the Repair and Upgrading of Roads in the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System**

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LD 1531 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$13,500,000, that would have been used for the repair and upgrading of roads in the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System.

**LD 1548****An Act to Increase Reimbursement for Home Health Care Services**

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LD 1548 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to the Department of Human Services to increase reimbursement for services provided by home health care workers.

**LD 1552****An Act to Ensure Adequate Nutrition Services for Maine's Elderly**

P &amp; S 59

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAWRENCE ROWE	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-142 S-396 MICHAUD
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LD 1552 proposed to require the Department of Human Services to establish a toll-free telephone line for information on services for the elderly. This line would have been required to be answered by a person and could not be automated. Follow-up personal visits also would have been required to be offered. This bill also proposed to appropriate \$150,000 per year for the Meals on Wheels program within the Department of Human Services and \$350,000 for the toll-free telephone and personal visit service.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-142)**, which was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, proposed to appropriate \$100,000 per year for the Meals on Wheels program within the Department of Human Services and \$76,590 for fiscal year 1999-00 and \$102,120 for fiscal year 2000-01 for the toll-free telephone number for incoming calls to the Senior One-Stop Program.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (S-396)** proposed to remove the requirement to provide a toll-free telephone number for incoming calls from persons requesting information on services for the elderly.

***Enacted Law Summary***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 59 provides General Fund appropriations of \$100,000 in each year of the 2000-2001 biennium to the Department of Human Services to provide additional funding for the Meals on Wheels program.